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TV report prompts cabinet to discuss water supply in areas

DAVID MAKOVSKY, JON IMMANUEL and ILM

THE cabinet today will discuss water usage in the territories, and plans to build new water pipelines to settlers living in parts of the territories that would hopefully alleviate water shortages for Arabs as well.

Maj.-Gen. Oren Shabor, the coordinator of activities in the territories, will give the cabinet an overview of the water situation.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin announced to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee last week that Israel plans to build new water pipelines from inside the Green Line to those settlers living in the Gush Etzion and Kiryat Arba area.

A spokeswoman for the civil administration said she expected the pipelines to be completed within two years.

An official in the Prime Minister's Office said the sudden decision to discuss the water situation in the territories derived from a Channel 1 report Friday night on Palestinian water shortages in Hebron.

The report, which showed green and flowering gardens in Kiryat Arba and dried-up fields worked by Hebron's Arab residents, sparked angry responses from Meretz ministers.

Communications, Science and Arts Minister Shulamit Aloni said the contrast "erases at once the word 'enlightened' from the descriptions we tend to be so proud of."

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, in a statement, called the situation as the report described it "repulsive and embarrassing," adding that "Never has Jewish morality been as distorted and subject to ridicule as it is expressed in the reality of Kiryat Arba [which is like] Sodom."

Shabor's office, in response, said the water shortage in Hebron to a great extent is due to old leaking pipes servicing Hebron, causing a loss of some 40 percent of the water supplied to the city.

The civil administration said various projects have increased the water supply to the Hebron area by 40 percent in the past year.

It also notes that the Palestinians in Hebron owe the Mekorot Water company NIS 4.5 million.

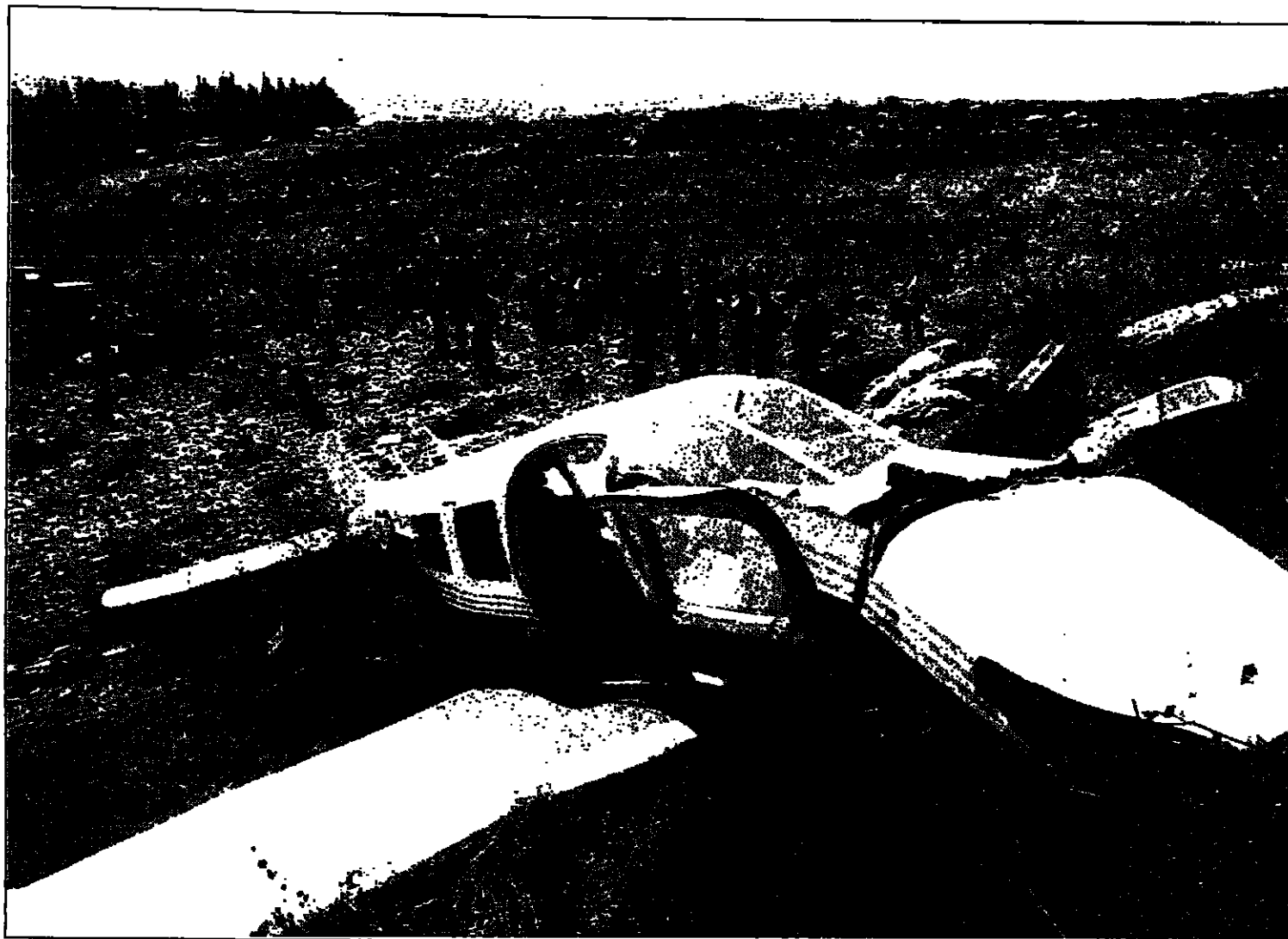
Hebron Mayor Mustafa Disputat Shabor's claims saying Hebron owes NIS 4.5 million from before he took office in March last year, but the civil administration has been supplying Hebron's water to nearby towns and villages, and itself owes Hebron NIS 1.5 million.

Since he took office, Natshe said, all water bills, including bills for water not used by the municipality, have been paid.

A well the Hebron Municipality has owned near the Fawar refugee camp since 1939 produces 2,000 cu. m. a day, but Hebron is compelled by the civil administration to supply the town of Dura and other villages, which the civil administration water authority should be supplying itself from other wells, Natshe said. Only now is it going to do this from wells near Samos, south of Hebron.

The leakage, which he estimated at 30 percent, is to be repaired by PECAR and Italian donors, but even with the repair, Natshe said, water supply is far below the 25,000 cu. m. a day required.

In another development, the cabinet is due to approve the transfer of another eight spheres of civilian responsibility to the Palestinian Authority. The eight areas are: commerce and industry, agriculture, municipal government, fuel and gasoline, postal services, labor, insurance and statistics. The agreement is expected to be signed some time this week in Cairo.



Police, Airports Authority staffers and bystanders observe the wreck of the light plane that crashed just after takeoff from Jerusalem's Atarot Airport on Friday. One woman died as a result of the crash; nine other people were injured. Story, Page 12.

(Brian Hendler)

Top diplomat among 3 Americans killed by mines near Sarajevo

SARAJEVO (AP) - Three US diplomats headed for peace talks in Sarajevo were killed yesterday when their convoy tumbled off a road and hit two land mines. Six other people were injured.

The dead were Robert Frasure, a deputy assistant secretary of state; Joseph Kruzic, deputy assistant secretary of defense for European and NATO affairs; and Nelson Drew, a National Security Council aide, according to US and UN officials.

Officials said the accident also injured three other Americans and three French peacekeepers. Their identities were unavailable. The State Department said the death of three senior U.S. officials would "have a real effect" on Washington's initiative to settle the conflict.

"It's certainly going to make it more difficult to carry on our diplomacy," said Department spokesman David Johnson. The delegation was traveling on Mount Igman road, the treacherous land route into the Bosnian capital. It hit two land mines as it fell about 100 meters, caught fire and exploded.

Frasure, the top US envoy to a group of five nations trying to mediate an end to the war in the former Yugoslavia, was accompanying US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke to peace talks with the Bosnian president.

Holbrooke and Lt. Gen. Wesley Clark, of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, were in another



Robert Frasure, shown in a photo taken on Thursday in Zagreb, was killed on his way to Sarajevo yesterday. (AP)

vehicle and were not hurt. Holbrooke postponed talks scheduled for yesterday with the Muslim-led Bosnian government.

President Clinton, who was on vacation in Wyoming, said there was no evidence of foul play and called the deaths a "tragic accident."

Clinton said the crash would not deter US efforts to end the fighting in the Balkans. The three were "working for the cause of peace," he said. "I am encouraged by the determination of their colleagues to continue on."

US Embassy officials in Zagreb, Croatia, said Ambassador Peter Galbraith was traveling to the Croatian port city of Split to meet the flight carrying the bodies of the dead Americans.

UN spokesman Lt. Col. Pierre Briere said the accident happened 6 km south of Sarajevo. "There was no shooting by the Serbs. The driver lost control of the vehicle because of bad conditions on the road," he said.

Two seriously injured French peacekeepers were taken to the French medical compound in Sarajevo, Briere said, and the third French peacekeeper was treated for minor injuries at the French military base on Mount Igman. There was no immediate report on the three injured Americans.

The delegation has discussed the plan in Serbia and Croatia, and Croatian President Franjo Tudjman praised the plan as a possible means to achieve a lasting peace.

The officials intended to present it to Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic.

"We are most stunned because of the incident that happened to these people who came to assist peace," said Bosnian Foreign Minister Muhamed Sacirbey.

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Algeria's FIS rejects call for elections

News agencies

PARIS - Algeria's main Muslim militant group rejected a call yesterday by the country's army backed government for presidential elections in November, saying the authorities were trying to win legitimacy by force.

"The Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) refuses point-blank these elections as they are proposed by the putschists," the outlawed group said in a statement signed by one of its spokesmen, Anwar Haddam, from his exile in Washington.

"The junta have proposed to hold presidential elections only in the aim to win internal legitimacy, which will enable them to get more financial and military support from abroad to pursue ter-

rorizing the people and blocking its liberation and prosperity," FIS statement added.

Algeria said on Friday that it will hold free and fair presidential elections on November 16, and had asked the heads of the United Nations, the Arab League and the Organization of African Unity to send official representatives to watch the poll.

FIS warned "against any attempt to internationalize the Algerian crisis and against any form of foreign meddling in the internal Algerian affairs."

It said the poll "will prolong the confrontation and lasting the people's tragedy," and called on

foreign government to cut diplomatic ties and non-humanitarian aid to the country.

Algerian security forces said yesterday they had identified the terrorist group responsible for a car bomb which exploded in a high-security government compound, killing two people and injuring seven more.

One of the terrorists was killed, they said.

The bomb went off Thursday night at a seaside compound of villas for senior government members called Club des Pins, and was the first attack against a state residence in Algeria's three-year civil war between Islamic

fundamentalist insurgents and the military backed government.

A seven-year-old child was among the dead.

The Club des Pins, on the coast several kilometers west of Algiers, is one of the best-guarded areas in the country.

Two other bombs went off around the same time in the compound.

In Marseille, security was stepped up at the Algerian consulate in the Mediterranean port yesterday after the consul general received an anonymous threat of a terrorist attack, police said.

The threat came a day after a bomb exploded near the Arc de Triomphe in the heart of Paris, injuring 17 people. (See Page 3)

Iraq gives UN more data on arms, scoffs at US

News agencies

IRAQ gave the United Nations fresh data yesterday on its ballistic missile program and scoffed at Washington for sending troops to the Gulf to forestall a perceived Iraqi threat to Jordan and Kuwait.

Comments by the press and officials in both Jordan and Kuwait tended to support Iraq's view that the US was overreacting.

Meanwhile, an exiled Iraqi opposition figure warned Friday that Saddam Hussein would attack Israel with chemical or biological weapons if he thought he was about to be overthrown.

Saad Jabr, leader of the London-based Free Iraqi Council, told Israel Television the Iraqi dictator has hundreds of chemical and biological warheads scattered in the desert in underground caches, as well as at least 32 Scud missiles.

"Now when Saddam feels that he is finished or about to be finished, we believe, based on our knowledge of the man, that he will put these cylinders, chemical or biological, on those Scuds," Jabr said.

Jabr, son of former Iraqi Prime Minister Saleh Jabr, said Saddam likely would take such a desperate step to "make him live in history as the man who has destroyed Iraq."

In Baghdad, Rolf Ekeus, head of the UN Special Commission (UNSCOM) disarming Iraq under the 1991 Gulf War cease-fire, said: "We have received new information on the missiles program and we are now assessing that."

The official press launched fresh

attacks on Washington, which has stepped up efforts to isolate Iraq since two senior aides of President Saddam Hussein defected to Jordan almost two weeks ago.

"America is acting with obvious hysteria... It is dealing with Iraq like a desperate gambler who lost all bets," the government paper Al-Jumhuriya said in a front-page editorial.

The US said it was moving forward joint exercises to discourage menacing moves by Iraq against Kuwait or Jordan.

The maneuvers, involving about 1,400 US troops, are now to start in Kuwait around the end of August.

In Jordan, 4,000 US marines and sailors are taking part in ma-

neuvres with the Jordanian army.

"It is absurd to talk about an Iraqi military action against Jordan. There is no justification for that," Al-Jumhuriya said.

Lt.-Gen. Hussein Kamel Hassan, the brains behind Iraq's military and civil industries, and his brother Saddam Kamel Hassan, Saddam Hussein's chief bodyguard, fled to Jordan on August 8. The two are sons-in-law and cousins of Saddam and have their wives and aides with them.

In Amman, a Jordanian official said Ekeus was expected in the Jordanian capital tomorrow to meet Hussein Kamel.

But King Hussein denied that the Clinton administration has asked him to cut trade ties with Iraq in a bid to throttle the Saddam Hussein's regime.

PA police arrest man planning suicide attack

JON IMMANUEL

PALESTINIAN police stormed a Gaza neighborhood and arrested three Hamas militants Friday, including one man suspected of planning a suicide bomb attack in Tel Aviv.

The operation lasted more than four hours and included a shoot-out for more than 30 minutes in Sheikh Radwan, one of the most pro-Hamas neighborhoods of Gaza City. Nine people, including five policemen, were wounded by tear gas, bullets and stones.

The three men surrendered after mediation by a Hamas official, Imad Falouji, who runs the Islamic Society and edits the Al-Watan weekly newspaper.

An official in the office of Gaza police chief Brig.-Gen. Ghazi Jabali identified the three last night as Wael Nasser, Ibrahim Nafa and Awad Silmi. Nasser was named last week as the man planning a suicide attack in Tel Aviv. Fear that he would try to cross into Israel was the reason for the closure imposed on Gaza on August 10.

The IDF announced last night that the closure on Gaza would end this morning at 4 a.m. and those with new magnetic cards who are over 30 years old would be allowed to return to work in Israel today.

Police found a message recorded by Nasser in the apartment they raided, in which he announced his intention to commit an attack, police sources told Palestinian reporters.

The Palestinian Authority, which also had information on the planned attack, agreed to have Israel impose the closure, the first time it has done so. It then launched a manhunt.

About 1,000 local residents reportedly tried to prevent some 200 policemen from entering the building where the three Hamas men were holed up. It is close to the building which the PA called a bomb factory, where an explosion killed two men in April.

Eye-witnesses reported that people hurled stones at police. Gunfire came from the house and prompted police gunfire in return.

The raid came as the street was already inflamed by angry Hamas demonstrations and speeches in Gaza mosques against the US arrest of senior Hamas leader Mousa Marzook.

Gaza police yesterday reported "light" Hamas reactions to the arrests. Falouji said "the current situation is tense, but we support continued dialogue with the Pal-

eststinian Authority."

Palestinian military intelligence head Mousa Arafat, who headed the operation, reported that protesters fired pistols at his home on Friday night, but caused no damage. Arafat, a distant relative of the PLO leader, has been targeted twice before by Hamas.

"We shall not allow anyone to torpedo the peace process even if that means loss of lives," Arafat told the Associated Press. "We shall act on every tip we get."

Hamas sent a leaflet yesterday to an international news agency, which was quoted by Reuters as saying, "Arafat's Authority must understand well the outrage of the masses against this oppression and they must learn that confronting our people is suicidal."

Sufian Abu Zaydeh, head of the PA's Israel desk, who a year ago warned Israel not to expect the PLO to turn against Hamas, told Army Radio: "The [Hamas] attacks are clearly against Israeli interests. Today it is also against the interests of the Palestinian Authority."

Another Hamas leaflet demanded the release of the three, as well as an independent inquiry into the raid. Hamas demanded a similar inquiry into the shooting at the Palestine Mosque last November when 13 people died, but the inquiry got nowhere.

Meretz faction chairman Ran Cohen praised the Palestinian Police for its successful operation in Sheikh Radwan. The operation, he said, is another important peak in the success of the accord with the PLO.

He said he regretted that Arafat was waging a much more determined war against Hamas than Rabin is against Kach and the extremists in Hebron who are breaking Israel's laws and threatening its police officers.

In a statement issued last night, the Likud said the police of the terrorists is not acting to end terror but to ensure that the IDF withdrawal does not stop.

"Arafat will work to stop terror until a Palestinian state is established in the suburbs of Tel Aviv with its capital in Jerusalem. Then, the terror will resume," the Likud said.

Earlier Friday, Hamas followers burned American and Israeli flags to protest against the continued detention of Abu Marzook, who was arrested in New York on July 25. Hundreds screamed anti-US and anti-Israel slogans at rallies at several Gaza mosques.

The PA has called on the US to send Abu Marzook to "his homeland" in Gaza if it decides to deport him.

Protesters, police clash near Orient House

HUNDREDS of right-wing demonstrators clashed with police last night at a protest tent set up alongside a main road near Orient House in eastern Jerusalem.

The protesters, who did not have a license to hold the mass post-Shabbat meal, were ordered by police to stop using loudspeakers during the assembly. When they refused, the police confiscated their generator. The confrontation led to a clash, during which the protesters hurled rocks and bottles and shouted insults at the police. Five protesters were detained for questioning.

(Itim)



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IDF kills four Hizbullah gunmen in security zone

AN IDF patrol yesterday killed four Hizbullah gunmen in the eastern sector of the security zone in south Lebanon, the army and Lebanese sources confirmed.

A routine army patrol south of the town of Yuhmur, near Nabatiyeh, spotted the gunmen attempting to infiltrate into the security zone. The patrol alerted a tank which began firing at the squad. Attack helicopters hovered above and blocked escape routes while artillery fire trapped the gunmen in a small area and eventually killed them.

Three bodies were retrieved by the army patrol and documents found indicated that they were members of the rejectionist Popular Front for the Liberation of

ALON PINKAS

Palestine-General Command. Last week the air force attacked a PFLP-GC arsenal and ammunition depot near Nueymeh, several kilometers south of Beirut.

Later in the day IDF and South Lebanese Army artillery shelled Nabatiyeh. Lebanese sources at first confirmed that three gunmen were killed, two of them Palestinians and one Lebanese. Later last night the sources told news agencies that a fourth body, also of a Palestinian, was retrieved by Lebanese police.

The foiled attack is the third in the last month.

On August 4 two gunmen were

killed by an IDF patrol south of Nabatiyeh, and in late July two Hizbullah gunmen were shot dead in a clash with an IDF foot patrol near the Sahki area in the eastern sector of the security zone.

The recent successes in preventing potential attacks are attributed to an offense-oriented policy initiated by OC Northern Command, Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine.

Since Levine assumed command several months ago, deployment in southern Lebanon has been adjusted to Hizbullah tactics and now includes small-scale patrol incursions north of the security zone and an increase in the use of attack helicopters.

Settler council condemns remarks made at Machpela Cave to Druse officer

BILL HUTMAN and Nim

THE settlement leadership has condemned the racist remarks made to a Druse police officer by Hebron settlers during Rabbi Moshe Levinger's arrest last week.

"It is clear that the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza condemns the remarks against our Druse brothers who are our loyal partners in building our land," the council said in a statement Friday.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal told police on Friday to take all legal steps possible against the Hebron settlers who verbally attacked the Druse officer outside the Machpela Cave.

One settler reportedly said that he was "an Arab and any Arab carrying a weapon should be killed."

Shahal said he was shocked by the remarks and asked the Druse community for forgiveness. He said that the silence on the part of the settlers council might have been interpreted by the Druse as condoning the remarks.

Council spokesman Aharon Domb said the group had asked the Judea and Samaria District police for a meeting in order to apologize to the officer. However, the council statement noted, the mayor of Rehovot is not expected to issue an apology for everything said by irresponsible people.

Shahal is scheduled to meet with the officer, Amin Hassan,

this morning. Meanwhile, National Religious Party faction chairman Yigal Bibi said the government's reaction to the Machpela Cave incident was another step to sway public opinion against settlers and eventually withdraw from Hebron.

Peace Now activists visited Hebron on Friday and called on the government to dismantle the settlers' encampment at Givat Har-sima. They visited with Arab residents nearby, who complained that the armed settlers were damaging their property.

Kiryat Arba local council head Zvi Katzover said the Peace Now visit acted to encourage Arab vio-

lence against Jews.

Yesterday, Arab residents of Hebron were allegedly attacked by Jewish residents of the city on two occasions, police said.

An 11-year-old Arab boy complained to police that he was attacked by a settler wielding a metal bar near the Jewish neighborhood of Avraham Avinu, in the early afternoon.

The boy was lightly wounded by the settler, identified as being around 20 years old, and had to be hospitalized, according to a police spokesman.

Later in the day, three settlers allegedly attacked two Palestinians in the Beit Romano area. There were no injuries.

The police spokesman said the incidents were under investigation.

Senior negotiators sent to water talks

HILLEL KUTTLER and Nim

ISRAEL and the Palestinians decided over the weekend to raise the level of negotiators at the deadlocked Eilat talks on water control in Judea and Samaria.

In a meeting on Friday, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres decided to send Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsuri to the negotiations, which are due to resume today at the Patio Hotel. Tsuri will be accompanied by Noah Kinari, the Prime Minister's adviser on settlements, and Water Commissioner Gideon Tsuri.

Ahmed Oreia will head the Palestinian delegation to the talks.

The Palestinians have demanded that the question of who takes permanent control of the water resources in the area be resolved as part of the Oslo-2 interim autonomy agreement. Israel has insisted that the issue be discussed in permanent status talks. In the meantime, it has suggested establishing a joint Israeli-Palestinian body which will allocate more water to that currently being being pumped to the Palestinians.

In the meantime, however, the Israeli delegation is insisting on discussing new water supplies in the territories rather than the allocation of the existing ones. The Israeli delegation maintains that the Palestinians can draw 80 million cubic meters of water from the eastern aquifer.

Oreia said yesterday an agreement on expanding Palestinian self-rule in Judea and Samaria could be concluded in September.

But he told Reuters the main disputes, such as redeployment of the IDF in Hebron, access to water resources and a release of Palestinian prisoners, could be solved only by PLO and Israeli leaders.

US Middle East envoy Dennis Ross will pay a private visit to Eilat today, a PLO official said yesterday.

The official did not know how long Ross planned to stay in Eilat.

A US consulate official in Jerusalem said: "He will not be on official business there. It will be strictly private."

Soldier wounded by explosive

ALON PINKAS

AN IDF soldier was slightly wounded when an explosive charge was detonated on the road separating Khan Yunis from Gush Katif. The soldier was still hospitalized last night, but is expected to be released today.

An IDF patrol spotted the charge on the side of the road. As the soldiers moved away the charge exploded, and the soldier was slightly hit by shrapnel. What appeared to be a youth was seen fleeing the area and the patrol began pursuit, but he escaped into Khan Yunis.

The IDF alerted Palestinian police, who began searching for the youth, but had not found him as of last night.

A similar explosives charge was detonated last week in the same area, but caused only minor damage to an IDF jeep.

Egyptian lawyer threatens to sue Israel for \$100m. over alleged killings

News Agencies

AN Egyptian lawyer said yesterday that he would claim \$100 million from Israel for the families of prisoners of war allegedly killed by the IDF during the 1956 Suez crisis and the Six Day War.

Mohammed Nouriddine Shami told Reuters he is suing Israel in Cairo in a case that is to be heard in Alexandria on October 28.

"After I heard the news of the torture and killing of Egyptian prisoners of war in 1956 and 1967, I felt extremely humiliated," Shami said. "I felt even more humiliated when nobody moved to punish the criminals, one of whom has already admitted to killing a number of prisoners during the 1956 war."

Brig.-Gen. (res.) Arye Biro admitted to Israeli newspapers earlier this month that he killed Egyptian POWs captured after Israel invaded the Sinai peninsula during the 1956 Kadesh operation. Egypt requested Israel to look into the report.

Last week, Bar-Ilan University military historian Arye Yitzhaki alleged that soldiers killed some 300 Egyptian POWs during the 1967 war, though this has been repeatedly denied by Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, who was acting commander of the unit in question, the Shaked reconnaissance unit.

On Friday, Ben-Eliezer issued a summary of remarks he made to a group of officials in Tel Aviv, in which he said: "I do not know of any man under my command who murdered prisoners, and if I would have known of this I would have taken all steps and actions necessary to bring him to justice."

The allegations were also dismissed by leading military histori-

an Meir Pa'il. Six Day War records shown to *The Jerusalem Post* last week indicate that the incident referred to by Yitzhaki involved armed Palestinian soldiers in Egyptian uniforms, and not Egyptian prisoners.

Shami said he would ask the Egyptian Foreign Ministry to give him information on the case of the POWs to enable him to try the responsible Israeli officials on war crimes charges.

He said several human rights groups had contacted him to offer their help and support.

"At the time that Israel looks for the remaining Nazis around the world, arrests them and tries them in its own courts, Egypt must take all necessary measures to find out the Israelis who were responsible for the most horrific of war crimes against Egyptians," Shami said.

On Friday, Communications, Science and Arts Minister Shulamit Aloni asked the cabinet secretary to schedule a debate on the POW controversy for today's cabinet meeting, but her request was denied.

Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair said Friday he is studying whether Biro and others involved in the 1956 incident can be prosecuted.

Interviewed on Channel 2, he said, "The matter has been submitted to me for examination. It is being studied in my office. I cannot say anything about the examination."

Some legal commentators have said the officers cannot be prosecuted because Israel has no war-crimes law, and murder charges cannot be brought more than 20 years after the crime was committed.

Histadrut threatens national labor dispute

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE Treasury owes workers NIS 1.3 billion in improper tax deductions from recreation fees (*havra'a*) paid to employees this year, Histadrut trade union secretary chairman Amir Peretz charged yesterday.

Peretz said he intends to declare a general nationwide labor dispute over the government's allegedly systematic violation of the agreement despite a clause in the 1991 wage agreement which specifically exempts this wage component from income tax.

Most employees received their annual recreation fees in July's wages, paid at the beginning of August. Complaints began flooding into Peretz's office in the Histadrut last week, when workers realized that income tax consumed in some cases half or more of the allotment.

Peretz looked into the wage

agreement, and discovered that a clause exempting recreation fees from income tax was signed as part of the agreement reached between Histadrut secretary-general Yisrael Kessar and then finance minister Shimon Peres in 1991.

"I didn't know it had existed until now," Peretz said yesterday. "Apparently, this agreement has never been implemented by the Finance Ministry."

The agreement also reveals that the state made a commitment to exempt recreation fees from income tax by legislation.

Peretz said the Histadrut will file suit in labor court against the Treasury for the violation of a signed agreement. "It is completely unthinkable," Peretz said, "that the trade union achieves benefits...and the government robs them from the workers."



Press workers on Friday prepare the edition of 'Al-Quds' that was stopped, allegedly on 'advice' from the Palestinian Preventive Security agency headed by Jibril Rajoub. (Khaled Zighari)

'Al-Quds' back on stands after missing one edition

JOHN IMMANUEL

THE biggest selling Palestinian newspaper, *Al-Quds*, will publish today after missing yesterday's edition following "advice" from the Palestinian Preventive Security agency headed by Jibril Rajoub.

Editor Marwan Abu Zulf said that a man who claimed he had been sent by Rajoub came in Friday afternoon and "advised us to close for one day. Nobody showed any credentials. He said he was just sent to protect our interests."

No reason was given for the advice, and he received no official confirmation from Rajoub, who anyway is not permitted to

operate in Jerusalem where *Al-Quds* is published. But Abu Zulf said he decided not to publish yesterday "because paper is expensive and all copies could have been confiscated at checkpoints."

In an editorial in this morning's edition, Abu Zulf writes "Why punish *Al-Quds*?" The editorial criticizes a recent PA press law defending freedom of speech as "empty rhetoric...a law on which the ink has hardly dried."

Abu Zulf said he plans to meet with PA Chairman Yasser Arafat in Gaza today to discuss the problem.

Al-Quds has run into trouble before with an angry caricature of Gaza police chief Brig. Ghazi Jabali.

The reason for prevention of distribution for one day on that occasion was cited by the Gaza police as "technical."

Abu Zulf said he thought the advice this time was due to an Agence France Press article on PLO political department head Farouk Kaddoumi on Friday.

Kaddoumi went to Damascus this week publicly opposing the Oslo agreement.

Abu Zulf also said that the

Palestinian Authority may have objected to an advertisement placed Thursday by the "Islamic Higher Council of learned men" which opposed a cultural week in Gaza featuring a circus and dancing.

Another reason, he speculated, was that the PA did not want news coverage of the police raid on a Hamas safe house in Gaza on Friday.

Al-Quds, considered a pro-PLO newspaper, is easily the largest selling Arabic daily among Palestinians. Abu Zulf says he sells 50,000 copies daily, but each copy is read by several people.

Boy, 4, killed crossing street

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD boy was among the seven people who were killed in traffic accidents last week.

The boy was hit by a car yesterday afternoon while crossing a street in Yavne with his mother at an intersection without a crosswalk. The 18-year-old driver started driving the two to Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot, transferring the boy to a passing ambulance en route. But the boy died shortly after.

Two accidents occurred in the Lake Kinneret area yesterday, injuring 15 people, including a four-year-old who suffered severe injuries. Seven people were

injured in an accident near Ha'on Beach and brought to Poriya Hospital, and eight people were injured in an accident involving three cars near Tzalon Beach. In that accident, one car pulled onto the main road and hit two oncoming cars. A four-year-old boy was brought by helicopter to Rambam Hospital, while the others were treated at Poriya.

The toll on the roads last week was the lowest since the beginning of the year. A total of 436 people have died on the roads this year. Last week police suspended the licenses of 500 drivers who committed serious traffic violations. (Tim)

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CHARLESTON, South Carolina (AP) — Shannon Faulkner, who won a three-year legal battle to become the first woman cadet at The Citadel, quit the military college Friday after less than a week, most of it spent in the infirmary.

Ms. Faulkner said the stress of the long fight to get into the school "came crashing down on me in an instant" and that she felt isolated in the all-male corps.

"I don't think there's any dishonor in leaving," Ms. Faulkner, near tears, told reporters in a driving rain outside the school. "I think there's injustice in my staying and killing myself just for the political point."

"Maybe it would have been different if there had been other women with me," she said.

Arriving at her home in Powdersville on Friday night, Ms. Faulkner told reporters she hoped more women would follow in her footsteps.

Ms. Faulkner, 20, had been taken to the infirmary with heat exhaustion on Monday, the first day of rigorous drills and marching during what freshmen call "hell week." She never returned to duty.

School spokesman Terry Leedom said he knew of no cadet who had missed the crucial first week and then went on to graduate. Twenty-three other cadets also dropped out of the freshman class this week.

One of her lawyers, Suzanne Coe, said Ms. Faulkner was overcome by nerves, just one week after two US Supreme Court justices paved the way for her to join the corps at the publicly funded, 152-year-old college.

"She has no one to confide in and her stomach is in knots every minute," Ms. Coe said. "It's no way to live your life."

When news of Ms. Faulkner's decision spread around campus, other cadets cheered and horns sounded.

"Let the alumni forget, let the lawyers forget and let everyone get on with their lives," said Alex Pettett, Ms. Faulkner's company commander.

The decision ended a week of speculation about Ms. Faulkner's fitness that began when she was taken to the infirmary, suffering from dehydration and heat exhaustion.

She spent most of her first week in the infirmary, and was treated for dehydration and had trouble keeping food down, her family and a school spokesman said.

Judge Ito staying on

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The judge in the O.J. Simpson trial canceled plans for a second jury visit to the crime scene and Simpson's house after prosecutors withdrew their request for the tour.

The decision came hours before more of former Detective Mark Fuhrman's comments to a screenwriter surfaced, with the *New York Daily News* quoting transcripts of him saying all blacks in city government "should be lined up and shot."

The jury's planned visit tomorrow was called off after an entourage of about 20 people involved with the case visited the Brentwood scene where the slashed bodies of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were found.

Members of the group included Superior Court Judge Lance Ito, prosecutors, defense attorneys and police officers.

Some members of the group were seen from a distance, in the dark, pointing flashlights toward the area where the bodies were found outside Ms. Simpson's condominium. Prosecutors found they could not replicate the lighting and weather conditions of the night of June 12, 1994.

The jury visited the condominium in daylight last February, but the prosecution wanted a second tour at night for jurors. Defense attorneys had opposed the planned tour tonight, saying the conditions would not be identical to the night of the murders.

Meanwhile another judge ruled Ito could remain on the case, ending one part of the Mark Fuhrman controversy as another erupted in the case and beyond.

Police Chief Willie L. Williams and the head of the civilian Police Commission sought copies of taped interviews Fuhrman gave to a screenwriter after news reports said Fuhrman talks of beating suspects "faces to mush."



Paris police bomb squad experts search the debris of a garbage can near the Arc de Triomphe where the explosive device packed with nails exploded on Thursday. (Reuters)

Second Paris bomb sparks fear of more terrorist attacks

FEARS of a fresh wave of attacks gripped Paris after the second bomb explosion in three weeks in the center of the French capital.

"I cannot rule out that there will be more attacks," Interior Minister Jean-Louis Debré said, calling on citizens to stay vigilant.

The gas canister bomb packed with nails, bolts and explosives, wounded 17 people when it went off in a dustbin close to the tourist-thronged Arc de Triomphe.

Police said the bomb was similar to that used in an attack which killed seven people and wounded more than 80 in a Metro station at another tourist center on July 25.

Referring to an earlier wave of bombings, the newspaper *France-Soir* said: "The obvious became brutally clear — the French people, and particularly Parisians, are facing a bloody remake of the 1986 slaughter." Its banner headline read: "Nightmare."

The easy targets, central location and rush-hour timing of the two attacks recalled the series of explosions which targeted Paris department stores and killed 13 people a decade ago. They were blamed on Iranian-backed Lebanese extremists.

There was no claim of responsibility for the latest bombings. Police have said after last month's attack they suspected Algerian Mos-

lem fundamentalist guerrillas who accuse France of supporting the North African nation's military-led government.

The nightmare was revived for President Jacques Chirac, who was elected less than four months ago, as well as for ordinary Parisians. The 1986 bombings were his first test after he was appointed prime minister.

Many Parisians cast suspicious looks around as they went to work on Friday. Tourists kept to their sightseeing routine but were on their guard.

"It gives us the shakes but we came anyway," said a Belgian tourist about to visit the Arc de Triomphe. "It was at the Arc de Triomphe yesterday so we hope it won't happen there today."

A straw poll of tour operators found no flood of cancellations but some said they were worried.

"It's too early," a spokesman for Panorama said. "We'll see the impact in two weeks at the time of the autumn fairs."

Parisians also faced increased police controls and bomb alerts. Dozens of bomb hoaxes were registered after the July 25 blast,

forcing the evacuation of such buildings as the Louvre museum and landing at least two hoaxes in prison.

The Mayor of Paris, Jean Tiberi, called on citizens not to give way to panic. Debré ordered a tightening of already stringent security measures and was gathering transport officials and representatives of citizens groups to examine ways of increasing vigilance.

Police roadblocks appeared in the capital overnight. Police had already stepped up controls in streets and public places after the first bombing, stopping thousands of people and hundreds of cars for checks every day.

Dustbins were sealed or removed in railway and Metro stations and police reinforcements were drafted to Paris.

But Francois Rudeiski, who heads an association for victims of terrorism, said: "There cannot be a policeman behind every dustbin in the capital."

Terrorism expert Roland Jacquart said suspects could even include deranged people tempted to rival gas attacks in Tokyo subway or the US Oklahoma bombing.

A threat to conduct "underground testing" in France has also been made to an international news agency by a group opposing French plans to resume underground nuclear tests next month. (Reuters)

UN raps Bosnia, Croatia for hindering rapid reaction force

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Security Council called on Bosnia and Croatia yesterday to stop blocking the full deployment of a heavily armed force designed to protect UN peacekeepers.

Reflecting European frustration at the failure of quiet diplomacy, a council statement urged both governments "immediately to remove all impediments" to the force's freedom of movement.

The Bosnian government fears that the force of British, French and Dutch troops could hamper its military moves against rebel Serbs. It also says it wants the United Nations to pay for any "environmental damage" the force might cause.

"The Bosnian government is

interested first of all in a clear-cut statement that the rapid reaction force would not interfere with any action of our government forces," Bosnia's deputy UN representative Ivan Misic told reporters.

The 12,500-strong force was launched in June to back up peacekeepers in Bosnia after Bosnian Serbs temporarily took almost 400 UN soldiers hostage.

But UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said a helicopter brigade and an artillery unit remain stuck in Croatia, movements of the forces already in Bosnia have been restricted, and 16 support convoys have been delayed or blocked since the start of August.

The artillery battery is designated to protect Mount Igman

near Sarajevo, the only road into the besieged Bosnian capital has often come under Serb fire.

UN officials say some 4,000 rapid reaction troops are in Bosnia, another 4,000 in Croatia and the rest on standby in France.

British ambassador John Weston said there was "no need for further bureaucratic delay or procrastination."

"We should be allowed to get on with this job," he said.

The council's rebuke came a day after UN officials in Bosnia said peacekeepers would withdraw from Gorazde, the last Bosnian government outpost where peacekeepers are seriously at risk of being taken hostage. Bosnian foreign minister Mu-

hamed Sacirbey said the rapid reaction force should be sent to defend the UN-declared "safe area."

"While the RRF presses its engagement in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, we wonder why it is not pressed to establish a presence ... in Gorazde," he said in a letter to Security Council president Nurgio Wisnumurti.

The Security Council rejected demands by Bosnia and Croatia to negotiate separate terms for the rapid reaction force, saying that the new force is covered the existing peacekeeping mandate.

Any agreement on the rapid reaction force also involves Croatia because its troops must travel through that country to Bosnia.

Yeltsin urges Russian democrats to unite

MOSCOW (Reuters) — President Boris Yeltsin, marking the anniversary of a 1991 hardline coup he defied, said Russian reformers were now too divided to establish true democracy and the road back to a Soviet-style empire remained open.

The 64-year-old Russian leader, clearly trying to restore his tainted image as standardbearer of democratic reforms, urged democrats to unite before parliamentary elections in December.

"Our problem is that there is still very little democracy in Russia, and first of all in the heads of the people," Yeltsin told yesterday's edition of *Komsomolskaya Pravda* newspaper.

"Not only in the heads of ordinary people, but also of policy makers, those who form public opinion and belong to the so-called elite."

Yeltsin, whose constitutional powers are much stronger than those of parliament, stressed the importance of December polls.

He said there were three paths Russia could follow.

The first was a victory of those who want to restore the old Soviet political system and empire. "This is the route (by which we would)...perish," he said.

The second was to freeze the reforms at their current stage creating "authoritarian state capitalism."

The third was to conclude political and economic reforms "but it is impossible to implement as long as the democrats are split," Yeltsin said.

"A moment of most important decisions has come for them. I hope that reason will prevail over ambitions."

Yeltsin stressed that recent differences between himself and the pro-reform camp could be overcome.

Yeltsin has angered reformers in the past, at the height of his popularity, for failing to endorse any political groups and seeking to remain above the political fray. Now, with his popularity waning, it is unclear what his role can be.

In 1991, Yeltsin became an idol for reformers by leading resistance to a hardline coup, whose Communist Party and secret police leaders isolated then Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev at his Black Sea villa and announced they were taking over.

The putsch failed in three days and Gorbachev returned to Moscow on August 21. The Soviet Union collapsed in December.

Yeltsin's popularity started plummeting shortly after he sent tanks in October 1993 to blast conservative parliament into submission following a bloody one-day revolt by its supporters in Moscow.

Tutsi militia target Hutus

BUJUMBURA, Burundi (Reuters) — Government and provincial leaders from Burundi's Hutu majority are being systematically assassinated and threatened by extremist minority Tutsi in the central African country, Hutu leaders said yesterday.

"Nine high ranking Hutu officials have been killed or have survived assassination attempts in the last two weeks," said Jean Minani, president of the governing largely-Hutu Front for Democracy in Burundi (FRODEBU).

"There is clearly a plan behind these assassinations."

On Friday an employee of the central bank, the Bank of Burundi (BRB), was shot dead in the capital Bujumbura and a director of a state-run firm was wounded.

Minani said the attacks appeared to be part of a planned series of killings since the murder of Melchior Ndadaye — a Hutu and Burundi's first elected president — in October 1993.

Burundi has been sliding into civil war since then. Tens of thousands of people have been killed in violence between the Hutu majority and the Tutsi minority.

Ndadaye was assassinated by Tutsi troops. The 90 percent Tutsi army wields real power over a weak Hutu-led government.

Danish Left clashes with neo-Nazis at Hess rally

COPENHAGEN (Reuters) — About 30 left-wing activists were arrested yesterday when they tried to block a neo-Nazi rally in Denmark to mark the anniversary of the death of Adolf Hitler's deputy Rudolf Hess, police said.

The leftist "autonomous" demonstrators refused to heed police orders to let 100 Danish neo-Nazis begin their march from a Viking ship museum to the main city square in Roskilde, a town 35 km west of Copenhagen, a police spokesman said.

During the march, the neo-Nazis and a 500-strong anti-racist gathering pelted each other with bottles and stones over a chain of police in riot gear that separated the two groups and prevented any direct confrontation.

Hess committed suicide in Berlin's Spandau jail on August 17, 1987. The date has become a focal point for right-wing radicals in recent years.

While Germany strictly bans the use or publication of Nazi symbols and ideology, Denmark has more liberal laws that have been exploited by neo-Nazis to operate beyond the reach of the German police.

German neo-Nazis had planned to stage the rally in Roskilde, where top US neo-Nazi Gary Lauck is held in police custody.

But German border police said they refused Friday and yesterday to let dozens of right-wing militants cross into Denmark, Danish news agency Ritzau reported.

However, in Hamburg a newspaper reported yesterday that hundreds of German neo-Nazis had crossed the border into Denmark.

German border guards were unable to confirm the report by the *Hannoversche Allgemeine Zeitung* that several tour coaches fully loaded with radical-right militants had crossed unimpeded into Denmark for yesterday's rally in the town of Roskilde.

German authorities have been taking a hard line this week, remanding dozens of young right-wing radicals in preventive custody, banning protests and keeping close tabs on activists to stop them holding rallies in memory of Hess.

The Danish Supreme Court is due to rule tomorrow on a German request for the extradition of Lauck, arrested in March during a visit to the headquarters of a Danish neo-Nazi group.

Lauck is suspected of smuggling Nazi hate propaganda into Germany for two decades. His extradition would set an important precedent in the international fight against right-wing extremism, Bonn security sources say.

Teen drug causes brain damage

BALTIMORE (AP) — Ecstasy, a drug popular with teen-agers who writhe through all-night dance parties known as "raves," may cause irreversible brain damage and depression.

Users of the drug claim it heightens their sex drive while giving them a sense of tranquility.

But according to a Johns Hopkins University study, published in this month's *Journal of Neuroscience*, the drug causes lasting damage to the parts of the brain that produce the chemical serotonin, which controls mood, appetite and sexual functions.

"Results suggest that people who have used (Ecstasy) in the past have some kind of (brain) damage," said George Ricaurte, an assistant professor of neurology at Johns Hopkins.

Brain cells produce serotonin in their axons, which reach out from the cells like trees with branches.

"Ecstasy, or MDMA, trims off the axons, but leaves the nerve cells intact," Ricaurte said. "We wanted to see if they could be grown back."

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East European troops fight in US

FORT POLK, Louisiana (AP) — Eastern European soldiers battled mock snipers and a faked truck bomb, along with very real draining heat in NATO-sponsored peacekeeping exercises.

"They told us to expect heat, high humidity. We got it all," said a sweaty Lt. Gabor Boldizar of the Hungarian army.

"Finuskaya banya," commented Maj. Kim Hicksander of the Kyrgyzstan army, using Russian for "Finnish sauna."

"Keep drinking water, keep drinking water," US Army trainers directed the soldiers as temperatures neared 38°C. But the foreign troops said they had been prepared for the heat.

Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, toured practice sites and chatted with some of the 4,000 troops taking part in the exercise. Nearly 700 soldiers from 14 former Soviet bloc countries and break-away republics have been here since Aug. 6 for the first NATO Partnership for Peace exercise on US soil.

Shalikashvili said the Partnership program, which could lead to expansion of the NATO alliance, offers the Eastern European nations "an anchor of stability."

"This isn't just about an exercise," said the United States' top military officer. "It's learning to live together."

He said providing such training helps the US by enabling other countries to share in global humanitarian and peacekeeping efforts. British and Canadian troops also are participating in "Cooperative Nugget '95."

"You cannot wish away the things that might go wrong in the world," Shalikashvili told reporters at a village set up in "Cortina," a mythical country in the ethnically divided fictional Atlantic island of Aragon, drawn on this western Louisiana base.

There were tense moments in the maneuvers, which began with predawn landings of foreign troops in C-130 transports and Army helicopters as Air Force A-10 jets roared over the dirt landing strip.

Soldiers manned checkpoints, practiced dealing with refugees and angry civilians and watched for snipers and terrorists.

Several civilians fell to the ground in a splash of fake blood as a sniper opened fire at a checkpoint, and a Hollywood-style explosion went off in a pickup truck coming from the other direction, as Slovenian troops scurried to assist the victims.

"A damn good job," said Maj. Dave Shelley, civil affairs planner for the training.



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II talks to a war veteran gathered in the forecourt of Buckingham Palace yesterday during the parade to commemorate VJ Day. (AP)

Britain marks VJ Day 50 years on

LONDON (Reuters) — A lone Lancaster bomber showered a million red poppies in front of Buckingham Palace yesterday as Britain strove to put bitterness aside in a solemn commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Some 25,000 bemedalled veterans from Britain and its former Empire stood proudly for an open-air service of remembrance outside the palace before marching past Queen Elizabeth.

"We are not here today to reopen old wounds or to relive past enmities," said the Reverend James Harkness, leader of the Church of Scotland, in the main address.

"We have come to give thanks for the end of a conflict that engulfed our world," Harkness added.

Echoing the spirit of reconciliation, the ceremony brought together Prince Charles and his estranged wife Princess Diana, who sat with their children William and Harry in a rare public display of family togetherness.

The mood was one of sober reflection in stark contrast to the party spirit of Britain's commemoration in May of the 50th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe.

Religious leaders representing China, Africa, India and Britain offered prayers for the dead and spoke of reconciliation but the old war enemies — Japan, Germany and Italy — were never mentioned.

After a one-minute silence, a Lancaster bomber flew low over the Mall leading to Buckingham Palace and sent red poppies — symbolising the dead of two world wars — cascading over the crowds sitting and standing in front of the royal residence.

Queen Elizabeth, her husband Prince Philip, Prince Charles, Princess Diana, Prince Edward and Princess Anne later chatted with the old soldiers, many of whom had been standing for hours in temperatures of about 30°C.

The August 15, 1945 anniversary has been

marred for many British veterans by what they see as a half-hearted and belated apology by Japan for its war-time actions.

Many viewed the landmark public statement last week by Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama as a personal apology rather than the expression of remorse they were seeking on behalf of the entire nation of Japan.

More than 12,000 Britons died in Japanese captivity.

"I was among one of the first to go into Singapore and when you saw walking skeletons covered in what looked like silk stockings you can't forget those things," said Arthur Webster of the East Indies Fleet.

Prince Philip, who served in the navy during the war, said he understood why many POWs found it hard to forgive the Japanese.

"I think it is very silly to say that these individuals should somehow be reconciled to their captors and their tormentors," he told BBC television in an interview.

Mandela urges blacks, whites to cooperate

ALEXANDRIA (AP) — President Nelson Mandela urged residents of this crime-ridden township yesterday to forge a strong new community with the wealthy white suburb next door after local elections bring the two together.

Mandela spoke to a nearly all-black crowd of 15,000 at a soccer stadium in one of the first of many speeches he will give to help his African National Congress sweep aside the last structures of apartheid rule in local and regional voting Nov. 1.

"This meeting is important since it brings together neighbors who have been living quite separately for too long," Mandela said. "The local government elections will ensure that these communities are forged together to form a strong and vibrant community."

Choosing Alexandria was hugely symbolic for the kind of transformation Mandela has hoped to bring South Africa since the ANC won historic all-race national elections last year to end white minority rule.

A hotbed of resistance to white minority rule since the 1950s, Alexandria's estimated 300,000 people are crammed into 2.5 sq km of windowless tin shacks, most without electricity or flush toilets.

Next door lies Sandton, Johannesburg's biggest, wealthiest white suburb where many of the rare Alexandrians who have jobs work as gardeners or domestics. They go home at night to pitch-black streets made dangerous by gunfire

from criminal gangs.

Under election boundaries still under dispute but likely to be rammed through by the ANC-led provincial government, Alexandria and Sandton will be brought together under one council.

Demographics guarantee the ANC victory, meaning that for the first time blacks can shift some of the wealth and services to Alexandria. Water, sewage and garbage collection could be some of the first to improve.

"People need so much in this area," said Sandton contractor Richard Cheary, 48, one of the few whites at the rally. "It has to be one people, one country."

Mandela urged Alexandrians to unite in the way he remembered from his youth, when in 1941 he moved here from his native village, found work as a mine guard and joined the ANC Youth League.

Back then, he said, tribal origins made no difference — all were Alexandrians.

Poor migrants still come, but many find a cold welcome. Scores of squatters from Mozambique were burned out of their huts this year by Alexandrians who accused them of taking jobs.

Mandela admonished the crowd to remember that Mozambique and other African countries supported the ANC during the struggle against apartheid.

He also urged Alexandrians to work with their traditional enemy — the police — and stamp out incidents of vigilantism.

Indonesian reaction to flag burnings intensifies

JAKARTA (Reuters) — Burnings of the Indonesian flag in Australia have triggered a call in Jakarta for an import boycott and the ruling party has urged Canberra to act firmly in dealing with the protesters, media reports said yesterday.

Foreign Minister Ali Alatas, quoted by the official Antara news agency, called the burnings in Australia, as well as similar incidents in the Philippines, Spain and New Zealand, "uncivilized acts."

"With their uncivilized acts, they (the protesters) are trying to damage Indonesia's relations with Australia, New Zealand, Spain and the Philippines," he said.

The Australian burnings were done in protest against Indonesia's annexation and rule over the former Portuguese colony of East Timor. They coincided

with Indonesia's 50th anniversary celebrations.

"We will stop importing from Australia one month from now if all Fretilin members are not expelled from Australia by that time," Amiruddin Saud, head of the Association of Indonesian Importers, was quoted as saying by The Jakarta Post daily.

Indonesian forces have been fighting secessionist Fretilin guerrillas in East Timor since the 1975 Indonesian invasion after the Portuguese left.

Antara said Indonesia's imports from Australia totalled \$1.5 billion in 1994, while exports were worth \$705 million.

Information Minister Harmoko, speaking as chairman of Indonesia's ruling Golkar Party, called on the Australian government to take stern action against the flag burners.

Microsoft swings with Rolling Stones

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) — For Microsoft Corp., "Start Me Up" is not just a song, it's a sales pitch.

The Rolling Stones hit will highlight a \$200 million advertising campaign to promote Windows 95, which goes on sale Thursday.

The recurring appearance of a "Start" button, a new feature in Windows 95 for launching programs, unites the ads.

Microsoft is paying Jagger and the Stones handsomely for the rights to the song — one British tabloid said up to \$12 million — but a Microsoft spokeswoman said the figure was closer to \$2 million.

It is the first time Stones songwriters Mick Jagger and Keith Richards have allowed a song for which they own the copyright to be used in a commercial.

It officially launched the ad blitz by showing off commercials for the media and detailing some of Microsoft's spending plans.

There will be multi-page advertising inserts in some newspapers and a half-hour prime-time special on NBC next weekend. And NBC Sports will use the Windows 95 icons to launch its American football coverage.

Microsoft has relied chiefly on news media coverage about the product.

It's gotten plenty, including the cover of virtually every computer magazine in recent weeks and even newsmagazines like *US News and World Report*.

'Le Bulldozer' wins respect but effectiveness debatable

PARIS (AP) — Dubbed "le bulldozer" for his relentless drive, Jacques Chirac has sent thousands more troops to Bosnia, stuck to plans for nuclear weapons testing and admitted France's role in the Holocaust.

The 62-year-old president also wasn't reluctant to rap on the table and speak his mind behind closed doors at a European Union summit he hosted in Cannes, shortly after succeeding the aging and ailing Socialist Francois Mitterrand on May 17.

In the first three months of his presidency, Chirac has carved out an image as strong leader with his audacity, frankness and informality.

But political observers say it will take more time to see if Chirac is a mover and shaker on the world stage or simply a chest-beating neo-Gaullist, long on clan and short on substance.

It's natural that "a president seeks in the first six months to legitimize himself," said Michel Girard, a political science professor at the Sorbonne. "That explains the aggressive style."

But Chirac, who has fashioned himself as the torch-bearer of the late nationalist President Charles de Gaulle, bases his policy on a neo-Gaullist perception "that the world is threatening. It is an egoistic policy," Girard said.

"On the style level, his image is effective," said Dominique Moïse, head of the private French Institute of International Relations. "But it's a man who isolates himself by doing nuclear tests."

Chirac spokesman Jerome Peyrat insists his boss is "not an ideologue; he's a pragmatist. ... He's a guy who says what he thinks."

He's also departed from the imperial style

of Mitterrand. Chirac is not above making his own photocopies, serving drinks to his aides, shunning tight security for a limo with an open window, and throwing a picnic for youth on the palace lawn.

"I want less protocol, less pomp," Chirac was quoted by aides as saying when he first moved into Elysee Palace.

Some French media have lauded Chirac's style as an American approach. Indeed, he switched from Mitterrand's traditional Bastille Day TV interview to a news conference with a podium. So far, he's avoided interviews.

French politics' long-distance runner who won the presidency on his third try, Chirac loves to work any crowd, be it on his lawn or on the road.

But public opinion polls in recent weeks have shown him slipping from the low 60 percent range to the mid-50s as expectations begin to wane.

Despite Chirac's campaign vow to make unemployment his No. 1 concern, the jobless rate remains at 11.5 percent, having fallen from 12.2 percent in April but mainly due to statistical changes. His supply-side remedies of cutting business taxes to stimulate job creation will take time to work.

Dispatching troops to Bosnia has not stopped the war, and his plans for a final series of underground nuclear tests beginning next month generated a storm of anti-French sentiment around the world.

Chirac in July became the first French president to admit the government's involvement, as the collaborationist Vichy regime, in the deportations of thousands of Jews to Nazi

death camps. While welcomed by most French, some continued to angrily insist Vichy never represented France.

The French public that turned against him in recent weeks point to his nuclear testing decision, though Peyrat points out opinion polls that always showed about 60 percent opposition to the tests in recent years.

De Gaulle — who was at the mercy of US-led Allies in World War II — insisted on a nuclear deterrent independent of Washington. With the new tests in the South Pacific, Chirac wants to ensure the effectiveness of a new warhead to replace an aging arsenal.

In Washington, administration officials have been irritated by Chirac's testing decision that complicates Clinton's efforts to hold to a 3-year-old testing moratorium. One official, speaking on condition of anonymity, was also surprised by Chirac's criticism of a lack of US aid and involvement during his tour of French-speaking west Africa.

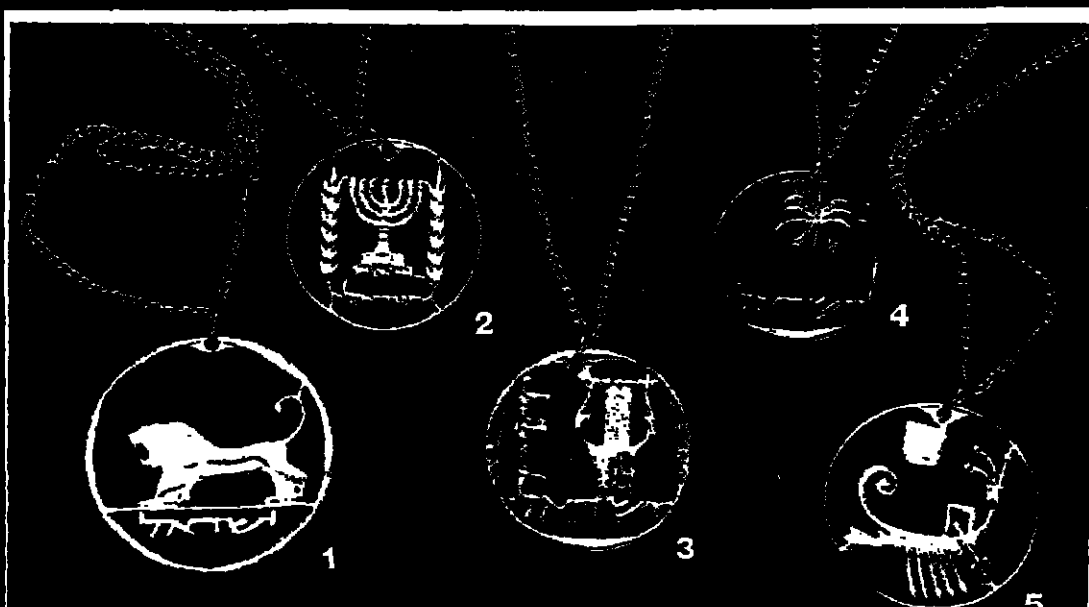
But overall relations between Paris and Washington are seen by both sides as good.

State Department spokesman Nicolas Burns welcomed Chirac's tougher line on Bosnia as having put "muscle, energy and strength" into the policy. He called it "a welcome difference" from the Mitterrand days.

But Girard said Chirac's initial tough talk is much like Mitterrand's early leftist rhetoric. "Mitterrand in the first months could have been Che Guevara, hand on the heart anti-American," Girard said. "But he became very Gaullist."

"Chirac could surprise us," he said. "He has six and a half years to go." (AP)

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Tents, domes and lots of other homes

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

In the beginning, man took shelter under the branches of trees; later, he moved to better accommodations - in caves. Then he sat down to figure out the basics of architecture and physics, and learned by trial and error how to build himself a home.

The characteristics of many types of structures - from the simple tent to the geodesic dome of Buckminster Fuller - are displayed and explained in a new exhibition at the Bloomfield Science Museum in Jerusalem. Called "Why Buildings Don't Fall," the exhibition has been set out in the museum's courtyard under a temporary roof of stretched plastic and cables that itself displays some of the principles of structures. Planned by acting museum director Maya Levy, it will remain on display until after the holidays in October.

Like all the items on display at the three-year-old museum next to the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus, all the new pieces are hands-on, encouraging children to touch and try them out. Each is accompanied by a detailed sign in Hebrew and English, but as often as not, young visitors immediately pounce on them, pushing, pulling and exploring, before bothering to look at the scientific explanations; some don't read them at all.

That's a shame, because there is much to learn about scientific principles from these explanations. But university science students who are the museum guides are at least able to describe the basics orally to a push-button generation that doesn't have patience for long texts.

A SPHERE is the structure with the smallest surface area in relation to its volume. It is very strong and appears very often in nature: blood cells, fruit, drops of liquid and the skull. A structure made up of triangular walls is the minimum stable closed shape.

A square is not a stable shape: it becomes a rhombus if you pull or push two opposite corners. But a cube made up of 12 ribs and four squares is stable because of its shape, not because of the material of which it is made. Even if very lightweight, it becomes even stronger if diagonal straps are attached to divide each side into four triangles. One of the exhibits allows visitors to see the effects of these lattices on the stability of a cube.

One interesting display gives Guinness Book of Records-like records relating to structures: The oldest-known man-made structure is a circle of lava blocks discovered in Tanzania in 1960 - some 1.75 million years after somebody put it together



A young visitor walks across a wood-and-chain suspension bridge, part of Jerusalem's Bloomfield Science Museum exhibition 'Why Buildings Don't Fall.'

like Lego. The oldest stone structure, 5,000 years old and built to a height of six meters, was discovered at Jericho.

The largest single structure in the world is the place where the Apollo 11 spacecraft was assembled. Located at Cape Canaveral, Florida, it cost \$100 million and was 218 meters long, 158 m. wide and 160 m. high.

The world's largest stadium, which can hold an audience of 240,000, is in Prague.

The largest dome is the Superdome covering the stadium in New Orleans, with a circumference of 207 meters. The biggest Lego structure ever built was put together in Tel Aviv in 1990; consisting of 221,560 pieces, it reached a height of 18 meters.

ARCHITECTS designing buildings and bridges have to consider the elasticity and strength of the materials and the resulting structure. They learned a basic lesson from the spider: a small number of radii bolstered by circular supports holding them together result in a very strong structure. It is the model for a tent covering a football field with enough space for 200,000 people.

Why hasn't the Tower of Pisa fallen, despite the angle at which it stands? The museum explains that the center of gravity is one of the forces that keep structures stable but can also cause their collapse. Since the vertical line from the tower's center of gravity passes through its base, the building has not yet lost its balance. Weights can be added on the obtuse-angle side to change the location of the center of gravity and stabilize the tower - and this has, in fact, been done.

A dome is a very strong structure. Pressures on it pass through the material to its base and then to the ground. When a closed ring is placed around the circumference of the dome's base, it becomes stable. Visitors to the exhibition can visualize this by pulling a string on the top of a plastic dome, shifting the ring and making it collapse. As soon as the ring is restored to its place, the dome is solid as the Rock of Gibraltar.

A piece of plastic sheeting attached to a rectangular frame is quite resilient - but one put on an arched frame is much stronger. Punch each one and you'll feel the difference. The exhibition also explains, using wooden blocks and chains, what a flying buttress is, how to build an arch, and the difference between the three basic bridge designs.

A bridge consisting of girders directs weights from the edges of the bridge downwards. An arched bridge directs weights from the edges downwards and outwards. Suspension bridges send pressures downwards and inwards.

One has to see the diagrams and models to comprehend this, or you can use three children to serve as a human model for the 105-year-old Forth Bridge in Scotland. Two people sit on two benches. Each holds in one hand ropes connected to a metal weight on the opposing side. A third person sits on a swing-like chair suspended between the two benches. This type of bridge can be built across broad expanses.

The Forth Bridge, suspended over 270 m. of waterway, is the second-largest of its type in the world and is still going strong.

The museum is open Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Fridays and Shabbat from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is closed on Sundays.

The OS/2 Warp challenge begins

ON LINE

DANIEL BAUM

OS/2 WARP is IBM's own operating system for PC compatible computers. It will run on anything above a 386, but, like everything else, the more power you have, the better it runs.

The standard PC operating system is MS-DOS. Every PC has it, and thousands of programs run on it. DOS, however, was not written to take advantage of the features available in today's microprocessors such as the 486 and the Pentium. New operating systems, such as OS/2, Linux and the new Windows 95, which is to be released in the next few days, do. The main advantages for the user are that these operating systems can run more than one program at once, and that these programs are shielded from each other, so that a crashing program cannot bring down other programs, or the entire system, as it can under Windows 3.1.

First, a word of warning. OS/2 is available on CD-ROM, or on about 50 floppy disks. Take the former option if you value your time and your sanity. If you don't have a CD-ROM, buy one at the same time you buy OS/2.

A couple of years ago, I gave top marks to Warp's predecessor, OS/2 2.1. My first surprise was how little the current version differs from the previous one. The chief differences are that it has undergone a thorough face-lift of the graphics, and that it is now provided with a suite of programs, called the Bonus Pack, which includes such goodies as a full office suite, an Internet access package, and a quite reasonable communications program.

This version is supposed to run in 4 MB of RAM. I would be highly reluctant to attempt this, and would recommend 8 MB as a viable minimum. It also needs about 50 MB of hard disk space, if you want to install all the bits and pieces. This sounds like a lot, but with 800 MB hard disks retailing at around \$300 nowadays, it's a pretty reasonable requirement.

OS/2 is a robust, modern, stable operating system. Once you get it going, you can be pretty sure that it's not going to do anything unexpected. The main problem with the entire system is its installation program. Although installation is supposed to be simple, the program will sometimes crash for no apparent reason. When it does this, it leaves dozens of megabytes of debris on your disk, which can only be cleaned up using a disk utility such as Norton Disk Doctor.

I found that the chief reason for such crashes is setting the video mode to something other than VGA during installation. Some of the programs' default settings are such that they won't run, at least on my system. For instance, although OS/2 includes complete support for Microsoft Windows programs, this would not work at all on my system until I changed a default setting which told Windows to grab control of the Sound Blaster card.

The package suffers from a lack of completeness. For instance, in the Hebrew version, the supplied Internet Access Kit simply does not work. You only find this out when you call IBM's

support hotline, where you are told to download a bug-fixed version from their bulletin board. Even when you get the working version, it doesn't support PPP, only SLIP, and an enhanced version is available only from the Internet, which of course you can't access yet because you don't have a working version of the software.

The great strong point of OS/2 is its graphical user interface, which is probably the best there is, although it remains to see how it compares to the new Windows 95.

The basic desktop item is called an object, and this can represent a folder (analogous to a subdirectory), a file, or an executable program. Each object contains an array of settings, which define its type, how it is displayed, etc. The settings are uniformly accessed by clicking on the second mouse button. This very modern concept gives a uniform metaphor for every item on the desktop, making it a far more advanced system than Windows 3.1 or even the Macintosh GUI.

In the performance department, OS/2 Warp is pretty nippy, once a program is up and running. It takes a long time to load a program, an inordinately long time to boot, and can sometimes run out of memory and start thrashing the hard disk, which makes life intolerable until you close a program or two. DOS programs seem to run faster on OS/2 than they do under DOS, while Windows programs appear to run approximately the same as under just Windows. Being a multi-tasking operating system, performance of one program is obviously affected by how many other programs are running at the same time, but OS/2 is one of the better multi-taskers, cutting down such problems to a minimum.

In comparison to its competitors, OS/2 is a worthy opponent. It is far smaller than Microsoft Windows NT, needing far less hardware to run, but it is more difficult to install. It suffers in comparison to Linux, because Linux is free, easier to install, faster, smaller and has more software, most of which is also free.

In fact, other than DOS and Windows applications, lack of software is OS/2's biggest weakness.

The biggest threat to OS/2 is the new Windows 95, which, according to other publications, is technically inferior to OS/2, but will blow it out of the water anyway because it's made by Microsoft and therefore everybody will buy it. This forebodes a bleak future for OS/2, which I very much hope does not come about, because, despite the warts, it is a fine operating system which deserves a place in today's computer market.

IBM itself does not help. It doesn't seem to have the marketing prowess to get people to buy the product, or the technical know-how to make a true consumer system which installs easily and is really easy to use.

Finally, I have a new E-mail address - dbaum@netvision.net.il. Use it to send me comments, questions, suggestions, or whatever.

Gold: A noble metal that shines on and on

Why does gold continue to shine, but silver, copper and other metals tarnish? Elisha, Jerusalem.

Prof. Haim Cohen, an expert in inorganic chemistry at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba, replies:

Gold is a noble metal. That is, its reaction with oxygen in the air is very low due to relatively high activation energies. This means that in order for the oxygen-gold reaction to be activated, a large amount of energy needs to be introduced.

Silver, copper and most other metals react much faster with oxygen, and tarnish is comprised of their metal oxides. Copper and silver oxides can be removed with ammonia.

Gold doesn't blacken; instead, its finish may turn mat, but this takes a long time. When gold

looks "dirty," it is due to the accumulation of organic material (such as sweat or oils) on the surface. There are organic chemicals that can remove this "organic junk."

Other noble metals are rhodium, which is 10 times as expensive as gold, and platinum, which is - inaccurately - known as "white gold."

What causes the obnoxious smell of rotten potatoes? Sarah, Netanya.

Naomi Gorodetsky, formerly an expert in fruit and vegetable storage at the Volcani Institute for Agricultural Research in Beit Dagan, replies:

Cartovora bacteria, which exist in the soil, attack potatoes and other fruits and vegetables. They easily penetrate if there is a break in the potato skin. The bacteria feed on the starch and produce

TELL ME WHY

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

gas, which is responsible for the awful smell of decomposing potatoes. The smell is similar to that of pus in a human wound, but cartovora bacteria do not infect humans or animals.

Potatoes are generally kept over long periods in cold storage. When they're released for marketing, they are moved to warmer temperatures. This change causes condensation, and that moisture speeds up the decay.

Why is it forbidden to eat or drink four or six hours before an operation? Yossi, Beersheba.

Prof. Shamay Cotev, director of anesthesiology at Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital,

Eini Kerem, answers:

Under anesthesia, people temporarily lose the reflex that prevents food and liquids from passing into the trachea and into the lungs. The epiglottis at the top of the windpipe doesn't close when the patient is unconscious, so the gastric content of the stomach may come up and be aspirated, that is pulled into the lungs as the patient breathes, which can be fatal.

In children and infants, the stomach empties faster than in adults. They are less able to fast, so they only need fast three or four hours before surgery.

If the body has undergone trauma, even something as minor as a broken arm, the stress slows the rate at which the stomach empties out. If an operation is carried out suddenly, without time for a fast, there are ways of reducing the risk of aspiration,

such as putting pressure on the esophagus from the outside of the neck.

Patients often wonder why we insist they fast before an operation requiring regional (epidural or spinal) anesthesia, since they are conscious. But in an emergency, if an airway has to be established or if a general anesthetic is suddenly needed, it's better if they have an empty stomach.

Have you always wondered about the scientific explanation for ordinary phenomena? Now you can get an answer. Mail your question to TELL ME WHY, c/o Jerusalem Post Science & Technology Reporter Judy Siegel-Itzkovich, The Jerusalem Post, P.O. Box 81, 91000 Jerusalem, or fax it to (02) 369527. Please include your first name and place of residence. Calls will not be accepted.

Dental workers beware: More exposure to mercury ups risks

HEALTH SCAN

POST HEALTH REPORTER

DENTISTS and dental assistants might be risking their health when they go to work. A study by researchers from the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine and the Health Ministry's Institute of Standardization has found much higher mercury levels in urine samples taken from dental workers compared to a control group.

Although these levels were below the toxic limit, the findings "clearly point to the need for a continuation" of the research, write Doron Steinberg, Fernanda Grauer, Yael Niv, Matie Perlyte and Katarina Kopolovic in the latest issue of the *Israel Journal of Medical Sciences*.

Mercury is a major component of dental amalgam, the material used for the "black fillings" in posterior teeth. The question of whether exposure to mercury gas emissions while preparing and polishing fillings is dangerous has been debated for many years. Foreign researchers have suggested that carpeting acts as a "reservoir" of mercury contamination in dental offices, but this was not corroborated by this study.

Mercury poisoning is linked with kidney malfunction, weakened immunity, and dermatitis, and may also induce pregnancy complications, according to the authors. Neurological symptoms include tremors, spasms, weakness, fatigue, memory loss, mild visual dysfunction and depression. Patients are much less affected

than dental professionals because the vapors are released only during dental work, and they are not subjected to long-term exposure.

DO GLASSES HARM YOUNG EYES?

Prescribing eyeglasses for very young children may change the way their eyes grow, according to studies conducted by the University of Houston on young monkeys. Earl Smith, a vision scientist who took part in the research, fitted monkeys with moderately strong lenses and found they interfere with the normal process by which eyeballs reach their correct length; they became either too long or too short, depending on the types of lenses used. But since the data are not yet applicable to humans, Smith advises against confiscating children's glasses.

In the latest issue of *Nature Medicine*, Smith urges more research to see whether children's sight was affected. Under normal circumstances, newborns are farsighted. As time passes, their eyeball gets longer and less farsighted. By growing naturally, the eyes "develop the optimum refractive condition - they have clear vision at a distance, without focusing."

If the eyes grow too long, the result is myopia (nearsightedness); if they don't grow long enough, the result is hyperopia (farsightedness). If the eye-growth process is interrupted by adding lenses, as the monkey results suggest, the eyes may not reach their best length.

Mifal Hapayis gambles on teaching science

NEW WORLDS

POST SCIENCE REPORTER

SEVENTY-five centers for teaching science and the arts, aimed at preparing the next generation for professions in the 21st century, will be built over the next three years by Mifal Hapayis, which plans to spend NIS 750 million on the project.

Mifal Hapayis board chairman Gideon Gadot recently unveiled the Eshkolot Payis project. "These centers will be a revolutionary breakthrough in teaching science to teenagers," he said. "Teaching science and technology at the highest level will prepare a whole generation of young scientists and ensure the continued scientific strength of Israel."

Gadot, who initiated the project himself, said he thought of the idea after reading the Harari Report on Science Education, presented to the education minister in 1992. The report warned that the number of youngsters interested in science was dropping and that the level of teaching was on the decline. The authors urged that new techniques be found to inspire teenagers' interest in the subject.

Each of the 75 centers will have 1,800 square meters of space and cost about \$3 million. They will have labs for physics, chemistry, biology, electronics and multimedia, as well as classrooms for music, drawing and sculpture. A 200-seat auditorium will be built in each center for lectures and other group activities.

According to Mifal Hapayis, which will raise the funds from its lotteries, construction of the first centers will begin before the end of the year and be completed 18 months later. Each center will be attached to an intermediate school. Jerusalem will get three: next to a state-religious school, a

state school and an Arab school. The science program will be designed by Weizmann Institute president, Prof. Haim Harari, and his assistant, Prof. Binyamin Geiger.

A SMALL WORLD

Dr. Victor Stenkar and Prof. Michael Hass meet socially once a month and discuss their work. But it took a global search by Stenkar's Bnei Brak computer company, Titan, to learn that Hass's department at the Weizmann Institute has developed an electronics board that Titan vitally needed to complete its work on a virtual-reality flight simulator.

Titan was working on the development of software for a sophisticated simulator based on photographic images. This interactive device is meant to give the pilot a feeling that he is flying; whenever he moves, the images he sees change directions as on an actual flight.

The images were to be produced on a supercomputer, which was to send them at a rate of 100 megabytes per second - about 100 times faster than a personal computer - to an image processor. This, in turn, would produce real-time, high-quality video images.

But Titan knew it needed a special electronics board to transmit such large amounts of data at high speed; no such device was commercially available. Developing it on its own would take the company at least a year. Titan therefore decided to ask Data-

cube, the Boston manufacturer of the image processor, to launch a global search to find out whether such a board already existed.

As it turned out, the board had been developed in Rehovot. Yaron Gal, Jaffa Gil and Galia Gilitz of Weizmann's physics-services unit designed such a board for possible use in the Large Hadron Collider, a next-generation particle accelerator that is to be built in Switzerland by the year 2004.

Ironically, Stenkar had never mentioned to his friend Hass his need for this type of electronics board, and Hass had never said his department had developed one. Institute scientists lent the board to Titan engineers, who successfully integrated it into their simulator system. The company has ordered more advanced types from Hass's unit.

WORLD ATLAS ON DISK

Those who have trouble keeping up with the spectacular geopolitical changes of the past decade can catch up by studying the new Hebrew-language world atlas and interactive encyclopedia on CD-ROM, just released by Yavneh Publishing. All the new republics of the CIS are on it.

The NIS 195 disk, whose scientific adviser was Prof. Moshe Bravner, is a translation and adaptation of an atlas produced by the Broderbund company in Germany. Massive amounts of data are available about any of 4,839 cities and 241 countries. Users can zoom in or out with a click of the mouse.

The maps appear in English, but moving the mouse over names automatically produces the Hebrew translation on the screen; all other text is in Hebrew.

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Hebron's water problem

AFTER watching a Channel 1 program on the water situation in Hebron, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin ordered the civil administration to prepare a report to the government on the issue. True, ITV is notorious for favoring the Palestinians' cause and blaming Israel for their plight, and its reports on Israeli-Palestinian relations must be treated with suspicion. And on Friday it seemed to surpass itself by converting a serious problem - the inadequacy of water supply to Hebron's Arab inhabitants - into an instrument of shameless anti-settler propaganda. Yet Rabin's concern is eminently justified.

According to ITV, something untoward happens on the way from the national water carrier Mekorot to the taps of Hebron's Arab residents. The program never makes clear what exactly happens. It merely states that Mekorot officials say that the less said about the subject the better.

But the fact is that many of the Arab residents do not get water for days, weeks and months. To keep their families from going thirsty, they either have to get water from springs in the area, or purchase water trucked in by private suppliers who outrageously overcharge them. At the same time, the 450 Jews living in the center of town and the 6,000 living in the adjacent Kiryat Arba have no problem getting enough water, not only for basic needs but for swimming pools and large lawns.

What the TV report failed to mention is that until 1967 no water at all was supplied in Hebron in the summers; its inhabitants had to fetch all their water from the Fawar spring south of the town. Israel improved the water supply dramatically after drilling in the Herodian area and building reservoirs on Hebron's outskirts. But for the rapidly growing Arab population of Hebron and the neighboring Arab villages, these measures have solved only part of the problem. In fact, all of Israel's governments since 1967 - Labor, Likud, National Unity and now Labor again - have iniquitously and scandalously ignored Hebron's growing water shortage. Nor is Hebron an isolated case. The water supply to Arab communities has been woefully inadequate throughout the territories.

There is no better example of the government's peculiar order of priorities than its decision to give huge quantities of water to Jordan to sweeten the peace treaty, while allowing Arab towns and villages for whose welfare

Israel is responsible to go thirsty.

Water is a precious commodity in this country. There is a greater awareness of its crucial importance today, and a growing number of Israelis seem to understand that Israeli control over its water sources is vital. Yet water is not managed as carefully as it should be, and much of it is wasted on water-intensive agricultural products which should not be grown in this area and which farmers can grow only because the water they use is subsidized.

Cultivating cotton, for instance, ignores the basic facts of Israel's water conditions. If some of the water wasted on uneconomic agricultural products were allotted to the Arab communities in Judea and Samaria and distributed efficiently, there would be no water shortage in Hebron.

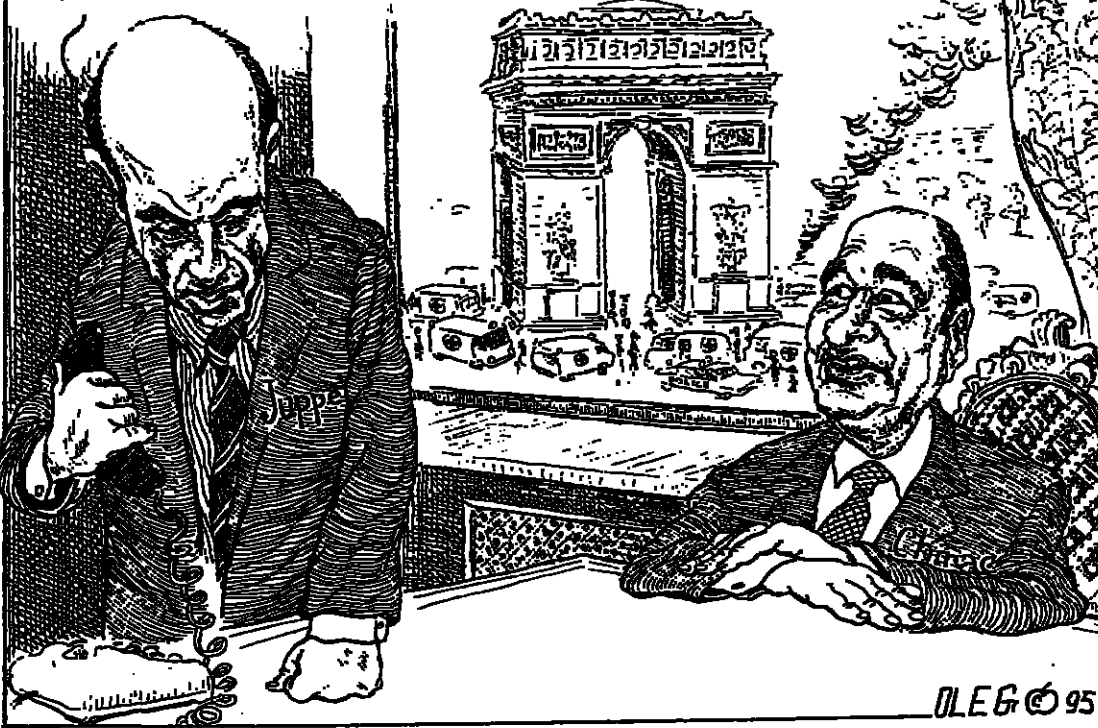
The solution, like the problem, is clearly national. But ITV chose not to point a finger at the government, but at Hebron's Jewish residents. Juxtaposing pictures of swimming pools in Kiryat Arba and dry faucets in Arab homes, the program implied that there is a connection between the two: that the former causes the latter.

The fact is that Kiryat Arba uses no more water per capita than Kiryat Shmona, Kiryat Gat or any other Jewish community in the country. It does not rob Arabs of water. Nor does the government take from Arabs to give Jews. The problem is the under-developed infrastructure and inadequate distribution in the Arab areas. And it is precisely because Israel must keep control over water resources that it should distribute them equitably.

The most notorious antisemitic propaganda film of the 1930s, "The Eternal Jew" features a scene which shows unemployed Germans in mid-winter trying to keep warm at street-corner bonfires while rich Jews enjoy the amenities of sumptuous homes.

Friday's television show was on that level. That it was an Israeli production seems to confirm the claim of the Jewish residents of Judea, Samaria and Gaza that they have become "the Jews" of Israel: A target of mean-spirited generalizations, scapegoating and blind hatred. That Environment Minister Yossi Sarid could, on the basis of such a transparent propaganda exercise, call Kiryat Arba "the Sodom of Israel" casts serious doubts on his qualifications as cabinet member, let alone his aspirations to national leadership.

IT'S THE ISRAELIS...THEY SAY BOTH SIDES SHOULD STOP THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE...THEY SAY THAT'S WHAT WE USUALLY TELL THEM...



Mass expression of pain

I recently helped lead a group of 1,000 Efrat residents to establish an encampment on a barren hill near Efrat.

I was arrested for incitement and insurrection, and it was only as a result of intense pressure from the US that I was released after 12 difficult hours.

Why did we, a moderate, "yuppie" community which includes many American Israelis, and which enjoys an excellent relationship with its closest Arab neighbors, do what we did?

Almost two years have passed since the initial agreement between Prime Minister Rabin and PLO Chairman Arafat - an accord which was initially approved by more than 80 percent of Israelis.

Since the Oslo accords, more than 150 Israelis have been murdered by Arab terrorists (according to figures provided by Peace Watch). And, according to a Dahaf poll quoted by *The Jerusalem Post* on August 6, 73 percent of those polled want a referendum before further progress in the peace process with the Palestinians.

Yet the government continues to surge forward in creating irreversible changes to the map. Not only the settlements are at risk; if the IDF leaves the Arab town of Kalkilya, it leaves Kfar Sava - less than one kilometer away - totally unprotected.

Moreover, as MKs are only answerable to their party (an MK who votes against it jeopardizes his entire future career), Israeli "democracy" does not have the checks and balances provided by, for example, the US Congress and Senate. Thus the will of the people - between elections - can easily be disregarded.

Our aims at Givat Hadagan were:

- To see whether our government would enable us to remain on an area designated as state land, and part of municipal Efrat. If not, it would clarify the government's intention to give such lands to the Palestinians, making the settlements at best a small island in a Palestinian sea.

- To prove to Israel and the world the government's intention to return Israel to the 1948 "Auschwitz borders," as Abba Eban called them.

- To place on the agenda our historic and just claim to land in Judea and Samaria. We do not desire to expel any innocent Palestinian from his home and land in Judea or Samaria. (Indeed, I have always argued the right of innocent Palestinians to live in peace and autonomy, and develop their communities.) Neither, however, dare we allow Israeli citizens to be evicted from their home and land - and especially not by our own government.

- To express our pain at having our destiny decided by a government which has refused to enter into dialogue with us, and which has done everything possible to delegitimize us in the eyes of the rest of Israel.

The prime minister said that he is responsible for the security of 97 percent of the population - with the "settlers" being the isolated 3 percent. This despite our status as citizens, and the encouragement we received from previous governments to settle in these areas.

- To demonstrate the difficulty in evacuating settlers. If it is so problematic to remove settlers from a barren hill (it took 600 soldiers nine hours, because so many of them identify with us), how much more problematic will it be to remove settlers from their homes?

- To declare the need for a na-

SHLOMO RISKIN

national referendum or early elections before concluding Oslo 2. How can a democratic government remove the land from under the settlement community without even bringing the argument before the Knesset? How, in a democracy, can the security of the citizenry be jeopardized, contrary to the platform on which the majority ruling party was elected, without consulting the electorate?

Our method of passive resistance and civil disobedience is in the time-honored tradition of Socrates, Thoreau, and the Rev. Martin Luther King. We have chosen this specific path of protest in or-

der to emphasize our respect for the government of Israel and its institutions, but at the same time our frustration at the fundamental lack of democracy by which the present government is being run.

OSLO 2 threatens to place the settlers under the government of a Palestinian state, which leads many of us to believe that our fundamental rights to our homes and security are being violated.

Civil disobedience is a form of expressing discontent, while maintaining respect for the law by one's willingness to accept the legal consequences and potential punishment.

Once a significant minority or even a majority is against govern-

ment policies, it becomes impossible for the government to maintain a high-handed system of rule. This is what enabled Martin Luther King to succeed with the blacks, and what caused the Vietnam protesters to end America's involvement in an unpopular war.

We have been criticized for involving our children in the protest. I have always insisted that children under the age of 18 not be involved in protesting evacuations.

However, our residents have young families, and our teenagers are an integral part of our struggle. In the main you will not find our children in Arad; the time that was spent on Givat Hadagan before the military arrived was filled with Torah classes and the singing of Hebrew songs.

We are, after all, endeavoring to build Efrat for the future of our children and our people.

I have just been released from incarceration. Although the policemen identified with my cause, their orders forbade them from giving me medicine, a fresh shirt and underwear sent by my wife. I was denied a single telephone call, and was moved from one prison to another without being told where I was being taken.

This treatment further reinforced my questions about the true nature of Israeli democracy.

Our action has already borne significant fruit. We have been greatly encouraged by the gratitude and acclaim of people in almost all sectors of the media and the general population. Similar protests have taken place throughout Judea and Samaria, and in Jerusalem.

All the protests have been peaceful; all the protesters are willing to be imprisoned for their beliefs. Apparently, a government cannot continue to rule without the consent of the people.

The writer is rabbi of Efrat and dean of the Ohr Torah institution.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



This iguana finally graduated from Stanford University after rooming for four years with Jon Lindsay. (AP)

Poisoned wells

MICHAEL LERNER

WHEN my son made aliya and became a para-trooper, I worried about Palestinian extremists. Although I have been an American peace activist, I felt that I had to give my permission for him to enter a combat unit - permission he needed since he is an only child - because I want Israel to remain strong against possible attack from external enemies.

But now I have to worry about right-wing rabbis, many of them from the US, who lead their followers into confrontation with the army.

I watched in horror as Rabbi Shlomo Riskin recently led hundreds of followers to grab hills overlooking the West Bank settlement of Efrat, supposedly to increase their security. "Palestinians can have their own state," says Riskin, "on their own land." The rub: Riskin defines as Israeli land more than half of the West Bank.

Riskin's fellow settlers make clear that their fundamental goal is to render the peace agreements impossible to implement. They hope to intimidate the government by frightening the Israeli public with the possibility that any territorial compromise will provoke civil war.

Yehudi Aharonov's Tzvi Zinger reports that Riskin, who once portrayed himself as a moderate, has

I'm not worried about Palestinian extremists, but about right-wing rabbis

called for the formation of armed militias to take over posts evacuated by the IDF in the West Bank. By physically preventing the implementation of the peace accord, the settlers could thus force an armed confrontation with the IDF.

It is this threat of civil war, looking ever more credible as settlers engage in open acts of defiance, that scares the people and makes the government fearful to take definitive steps to achieve a lasting peace.

IF THE settlers weren't so blinded by their own ideology, they would realize that Prime Minister Rabin has been doing all he can to prevent any serious dismantling of settlements.

Hundreds of millions of dollars are being spent this year to build new highways to them.

The settlers have already won far too much - and have forced Rabin to negotiate a plan guaranteed to dismay many Palestinians. Instead of substantive national self-determination, Rabin offers withdrawal of the IDF from geographically noncontiguous Arab cities, thus in effect creating a series of isolated cantons surrounded by the army and armed bases of right-wing settlers.

The settlers' provocative behavior is precisely what led many Palestinians to warn that peace would be impossible as long as these people remained. Riskin is now proving to the Israeli people how legitimate the Palestinian point has been all along.

Rabin would be wiser and politically smarter to tell the settlers that they should prepare to live in peace as a minority within a Palestinian state - or start moving back to Israel.

It's incumbent upon those of us who support peace to show a compassionate attitude toward those settlers who feel economically trapped, even as we publicly repudiate those who are willing to use force and violence to thwart Israeli democracy. Perhaps it's time for us to start collecting funds to help resettle those willing to move back within the Green Line.

It's hard to stay compassionate, however, if you care about Judaism. Riskin and his followers seem never to have heard the Torah commandment "Thou shalt love the stranger."

These religious zealots are doing more to turn Jews away from Judaism than all the forces of assimilation combined. As a religiously observant Jew, I watch in horror as Riskin and his followers poison the wells of Jewish spiritual and ethical insight, to the extent that our tradition appears to be merely a cover for chauvinistic nationalism and selfishness run wild.

It is no wonder that many Israelis are wishing these kinds of Jews would stay in New York. My son the para-trooper would be a lot safer.

The writer is editor of Tikun magazine. (Los Angeles Times)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE ARAB TRAGEDY

Sir, - The official reports on the Arab rock-concert tragedy may be valid as far as they go. But they have ignored one of the major factors producing the savagery, callousness, and insensitivity that led to the needless deaths at Arad. Rock itself was one of the main contributory factors. It is a variety of mode of sound or noise - one hesitates to call it music - that coarsens the feelings and the intellect of those who listen to it. It is simply degrading.

The younger generation around the world, and that includes people into their fifties, shows the effect of this degradation, this loss of sensitivity and intelligence. It is no wonder that rock concerts are often accompanied by drug abuse, a form of self-degradation and self-destruction. Unfortunately, some of the self-styled universalists here in Israel have promoted the introduction of rock and its subsequent replacement on the radio (not total, to be sure) of more traditional music, Jewish and otherwise. These "universalists" saw the spread of rock in Israel as a way to reduce Jewish particularism, a way for Israel to become more international. What they have promoted is the degradation of our youth, as exemplified by the Arad tragedy.

E.A. GREEN

Jerusalem.

US EMBASSY ADVISORY

Sir, - I have read your report of August 3, regarding the US Embassy advisory warning to US citizens to avoid using public transport in Israel. This is the most irresponsible information that an embassy can issue and can harm the tourism industry struggling to survive the CNN and TV sensational reports daily shown on American TV about the current situation in Israel.

I do not recall any such warning to American citizens to avoid travel to Oklahoma City, Paris, London, or Buenos Aires. I also do not recall the US Embassy issuing a warning to its citizens to avoid travel on an airline whose plane had been hijacked or involved in an air crash. I do not recall such a warning to American citizens to avoid ferry travel, following last year's ferry disasters in Europe.

DAVID STEINBERG

Bnei Brak.

UNACCEPTABLE MEASURES

Sir, - I am an American-born Israeli. I am proud of the cultural, educational and Zionist-ideological influences of the American Jewish community which shaped my character. I am proud of the way in which American olim, particularly former B'nei Akiva members like me, have become an omnipresent influence on Israeli education, industry and commerce. I know that our background has given us an invaluable understanding of Western democracy while our Zionist activities have imbued us with a burning dedication to the State of Israel, its institutions and army.

There is no question that the present Israeli government has utilized every loophole in the imperfect fledgling Israeli democratic system in order to subvert the will of the people. Drastic measures are called for - both to save Israeli democracy and to stop the government from endangering the very existence of the state. Some measures, however, are unacceptable and even counter-productive to our cause.

I recently came into possession of videotapes showing the use of excessive force by the police in arresting demonstrators. I am aghast at the number of requests I have received for copies to be sent to American legislators, diplomats and organizations. These various groups and individuals intend to lodge complaints on behalf of Americans brutalized by the Israeli police. The revulsion that I feel for the action of some of our police is strictly an internal affair. In this instance I must say, "my country - right or wrong" (even at the cost of broken ribs). I, for one, have no interest in portraying my country abroad as a police state. Such allegations will come back to haunt us when, with God's help, we overturn this government. I certainly have no desire to set myself apart from my people and justify the charge that we "American activists" are actually outsiders to Israeli society who fail to appreciate the sanctity of Israeli institutions.

I implore my fellow olim to pursue this part of our struggle at home. This is not the time to take advantage of American citizenship.

RAY RUBLIN

Karmel Shomron.

'ARUTZ 7'

Sir, - I believe Minister Shulamit Aloni's statement that her action against Arutz 7 was not politically motivated. There could have been a different underlying reason, as I learned a few months ago.

During a vacation stay at a Herzliya Pithul hotel a few months ago, I noticed an announcement on the lobby bulletin board. It was an invitation to the public to attend an open meeting of the Meretz chapter in nearby Kfar Shmaryahu. Having nothing more exciting to do, I took up the invitation and went to the meeting - an informal affair with Aloni as its main speaker.

At one point in her exposition about the "enemies of peace," she confessed that what she really could not endure about Arutz 7 was not its political orientation but, rather, "all that sickening Hassidic music which recalls the repugnant *shetl* ambience that Zionism was supposed to have expunged from the Jewish psyche."

In the true spirit of Meretz liberalism, the first speaker to reply wasted no time in putting down the grande dame of the left. He said something like, "I, too, am a secular Jew who has opted out of religious observance. But, show me a station that can match their musical programming, and I will promise never again to twirl my radio dial to Arutz 7. There is a certain chemistry in their songs that makes my inside vibrate with joy."

ALEX BRAZILIER

Givatayim.

THE TEMPLE MOUNT

Sir, - The late Moshe Dayan did us Jews a great disservice when he appointed the Moslem Wakf as the sole authority responsible for the Temple Mount.

After the horrible crime of Dr. Goldstein, who killed 29 Moslems as they were praying in the Machpela Cave, a way was found to give Jews and Moslems their separate days of prayer. Surely something similar could be enacted on the Temple Mount.

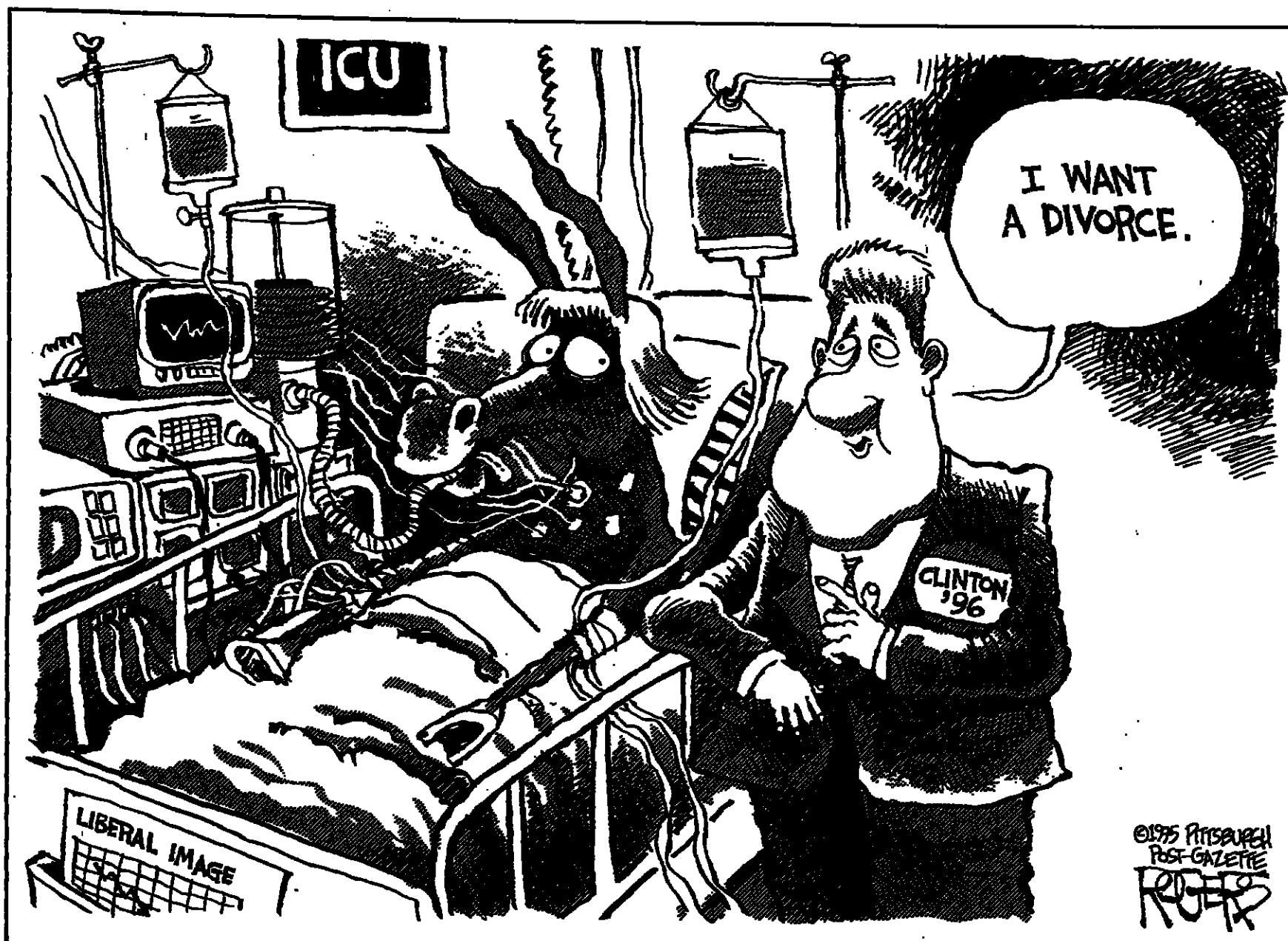
It is a crying shame that Jews cannot pray on the Mount, especially on important days like Yom Kippur and Tisha Be'av. It clearly proves that our government is insensitive to the spiritual needs of the Jews.

MARCELLA SEGRE

Jerusalem.

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Perot threat

Race promises third presidential candidate

Americans polled are showing their distrust and disappointment in the current administration. The majority say they are looking for a new leader who isn't Democratic or Republican. That candidate may or may not be Ross Perot, a 1992 presidential candidate.

BY ROBERT NOVAK

Some 5,000 followers of Ross Perot who gathered in Dallas last weekend represent a potential Republican margin of victory against Bill Clinton next year but also pose a threat to the GOP if its nominee for president is the heavily favored Sen. Robert J. Dole.

As the frenetic master of ceremonies during two long days of speeches at the United We Stand America conference, Perot doggedly treated Republicans and Democrats with an even hand. But people who at their own expense traveled to Dallas from all over the country disclosed strong preferences. Their disaffection with President Clinton was manifested by their cool reaction to key Democrats who addressed them. But while embracing the agenda of the Republican Congress, they profoundly distrust the GOP leadership's ability to fulfill its promises.

In dozens of conversations with Perotites, I heard not one favorable word about Dole. Typical is Jerry Berns, a retired computer executive from east Tennessee who heads United We Stand in his state. Like many of the organization's members, he neither pre-dicts nor promotes another Perot candidacy. But if the choice for 1996 is between Clinton and Dole, he told me, "we will find a third candidate."

That could elect Clinton.

Perot's populists assembled here are white, well above average in age and slightly above average in income. They support reduced government, oppose affirmative action and favor immigration controls. But they are not Republicans. Their verdict seven months into the 104th Congress: distrust and disappointment. They lament the rejection of term limits, stalling of the Contract With America and inaction on lobbying and campaign reform. They see Republicans as allied with Clinton in support of the NAFTA and GATT international trade agreements. House Speaker Newt Gingrich addressed this mood with a masterful speech. "Don't trust anyone you loan power," he advised.

Comprehending discontent with the two parties, he declared: "We have a third party. It's the House freshman Republicans." He supported lobby/campaign reform, announcing that a proposed bipartisan commission should include Ross Perot. But my conversations with Perotites elicited comments that Gingrich was too partisan and that they still distrust him.

"He is trying, but he isn't trying hard enough," Mary Skarsten of Minnesota, Minn., told me. The judgment here was that Dole, however, is not even trying. He appeared uncomfortable, giving one of the weakest speeches of the conference. In the parade of presidential candidates, Pat Buchanan was the unquestioned winner - denouncing NAFTA and "the New World Order" and calling for term limits on federal judges.

One of Perot's closest advisers told Buchanan's staff that United We Stand has a new presidential candidate. But out of all 36 speakers, the people's choice was somebody few here could have recognized before this weekend: Rep. John Kasich of Ohio, chairman of the House Budget Committee. What made Kasich so appealing was his self-described uphill fight against the establishment - Republicans as well as Democrats - to cut government.

If the Perot movement harbors doubts about Republicans, there is no support at all for

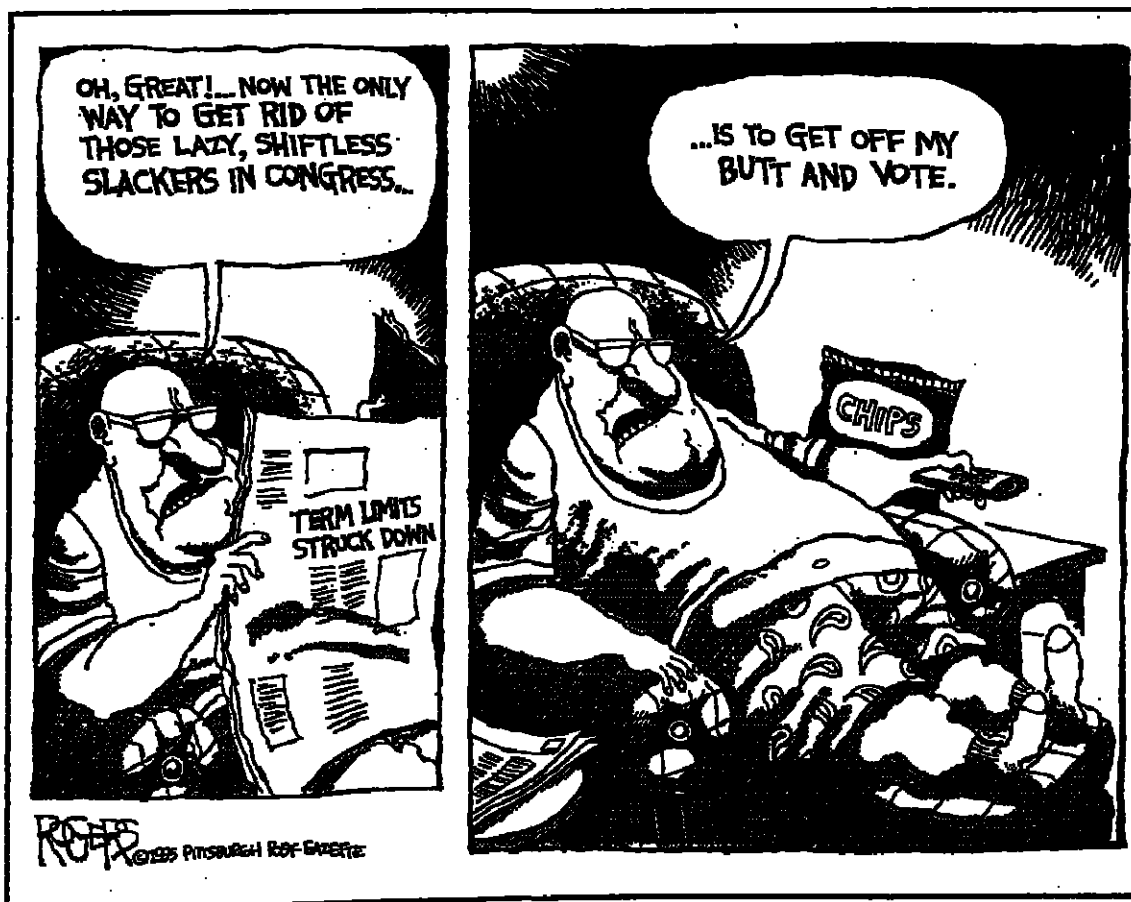
the president. The only popularly received practicing Democrat here was Rep. Marcy Kaptur of Ohio, who denounced NAFTA and its attendant ills.

Presidential Counselor Thomas "Mack" McLarty, a moderate on the White House staff, listened with concern backstage as the preceding speaker, Kasich, captivated the conference. McLarty, Senate Democratic Leader Thomas Daschle and House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt pressed for lobby/campaign reform (and Gephardt attacked NAFTA), but this is not their constituency.

The Democratic problem is shown by a Gallup poll taken last week for CNN and USA Today among the 19 percent of Americans who voted for Perot in 1992. Their disapproval of Clinton and Dole is about even - 57 percent and 56 percent, respectively. But forced to choose between them, Perot voters prefer Dole 62 percent to 29 percent. Clinton needs a third candidate, and the sentiment here indicated it could still happen.

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The Moby Dick of pop

BY STANLEY CROUCH

The Michael Jackson phenomenon helps us face what has happened to our society as issues cut across all false fire walls of race, class, gender, religion. At 36, Jackson represents both the hard facts of open opportunity and the swollen vision of self-worth that have evolved in our narcissistic culture. A now-bone-colored big, big fish in the media, Jackson's every move foams up cultural essences that are at the nub of our perpetually embarrased democratic grandeur and our equally persistent childishness. He is an entertainer whom we have watched rise from an itty bitty cute kid to a man remade quite remarkably by modern surgical techniques, all the while maintaining his emotional position in the yellow submarine of adolescent sensibility. That is why his work, at its core, is a summation of the inflated failure that now dominates our popular arts, where the value of youth is hysterically championed at the expense of a mature sense of life.

As a boy and part of the Jackson Five, he was pushed into the world of show business by his father Joe's ambition, which perfectly coincided with the slick Motown packaging of Berry Gordy and the high wind of teenage bad taste that accounts for so many blips on the sales screen. But Jackson eventually went further than anyone could have imagined.

He broke out of the Jackson Five and became a single, flipping and flopping his way into the air of international celebrity. Along the way, his looks and his music changed.

His album Thriller sold 40 million units worldwide, 14 million in the United States, which meant that 236 million Americans didn't buy it.

Then, after years of seeming a goody blue suede shoes, Jackson was sucked into a whirlpool of controversy by a child molestation scandal. The response was dramatic: he canceled a tour that was in progress, claiming addiction to pain killers. He disappeared. He reappeared. He went on television complaining that the police examined his wee wee. He lost endorsements. A large but unrevealed settlement of the molestation suit was made out of court. Not one to sit still outside the limelight, Jackson suddenly married a Lisa Marie who was the daughter of Elvis Presley, that Tarzan of rock and roll, he who swung to ever-larger bank accounts on the vines of pop Negro rhythms and redneck sentimentality.

At every point, the King of Pop was greatly helped by the arrival and evolution of promotional aids like "Entertainment Tonight," MTV, VH-1 and channel E! These television shows and cable stations are dedicated to nothing but the marketing of products, few serious questions asked. Hype and genuflection are their trade. For the good ship of show business, pop stars, directors, choreographers and technicians are interviewed, promotional videos are shown, films of films being made, videos of the making of videos, all tagged by the glistening barnacles of a forced enthusiasm American entertainment used to lampoon at every chance. Yet this kind of attention and success don't reduce the all-American tendencies to self-inflated melodrama and even more self-righteous complaining.

Though there was some understandable alarm expressed when Jackson's gargantuan poor-mouthing and his lyrics were examined in the double CD of HIStory, even noting the fascist imagery of the video, what all those rock critics missed was the problem at the very center of pop music, which is the function of its incantational rhythms.

Incantation always has two audience possibilities in our culture, one is the collective fused into a throbbing vitality through the repeating groove of a syncopated dance-beat; the other is the transformation of individuals into a mindless mass of putty in the hands of a band or a central figure. The distinction is very important because the vital collective is the highest achievement of dance-oriented rhythm. Essential to that vitality is the expression of adult emotion. While blues might also have simple musical elements similar to those pop has derived from it, blues is fundamentally a music that fights self-pity and even holds it up to ridicule, the singer scolding all self-deceptive attempts at ducking responsibility for at least part of the bad state of affairs.

Michael Jackson has been evolving in this direction over the last few years; one video after another showing either the world or his opposition melting into mass chorus lines overwhelmed by his magical leadership. We see this most clearly in the video for "HIStory," where Jackson marches in front of legions of troops, children scream that they love him, and a huge statue of the King of Pop, one as ugly as any Hitler, Stalin or Mao would have appreciated, is unveiled.

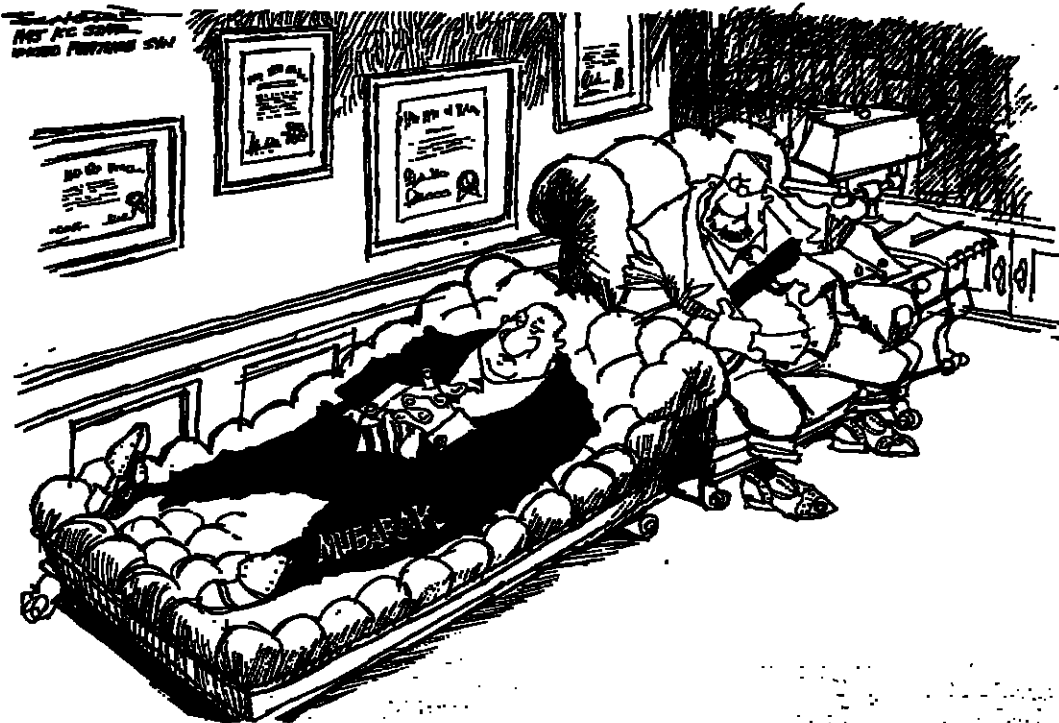
The Indian poet and philosopher Tagore once observed that the invention of the pen knife leaped past the centuries of evolution that resulted in the claw, but that we often find ourselves in a world where those with the pen knife mentalities of adolescents command weapons of destruction that they aren't mature enough to handle. When we make those who remain easily embittered little boys into idols by genuflecting before a Briny charisma that has negligible adult application, we shouldn't be surprised at the point of their deciding that they should lead the world into a resurrection of an Eden through which they will walk in the cool of the day, omnipotent as the jealous God of the Old Testament.

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The Way He Lived and Died Shouldn't Cloud His Legend

By JAY MARIOTTI

Do not live the way Mickey Mantle did, the social preachers will say. Do not waste your talent so recklessly. Do not treat your body like a gin mill. Do not equate sunrise with bedtime. Do not neglect your wife and children. Do not snub your public.

Do not finally realize in your 60s, when it's much too late, that you are a tortured alcoholic with a rotted, cancerous liver who is about to die a sad and regretful man.

The cruelest, coldest lessons of Mantle will linger for decades. And they should, for they are a powerful part of the memory. Future generations must learn from his errors, realize nature's gifts have to be cherished and cultivated, not taken for granted and drowned on too many barstools. As The Mick said himself only weeks before he died Sunday morning of cancer, "I'd have been a better person and ball-player if only I'd taken good care of myself. Talk about a role model. Here's a role model. Don't be like me."

We will. But as he leaves the world at 63, society also owes it to Mickey Mantle not to dwell so heavily on the way he died that it detracts from his enduring greatness - what he meant to America in the 1950s and '60s, how he embodied the romantic innocence of sports, that he still goes down as one of the best all-around baseball players ever. Just as some will recall Jerry Garcia for dropping acid like a fiend and dying in rehab, some will link Mantle's legacy solely to his destructive commitment to booze.

Please don't make that mistake. In any self-eulogy, please celebrate the golden boy, the hero, the stuff of myth. Please embrace the legend: the shy kid from the dustiest part of Oklahoma, groomed to play ball from the womb by a demanding father, reaching New York Yankee Stadium at 19 and combining power and speed like

no one to date. Please remember the 536 home runs, the 18 World Series homers, the tape-measure howitzers, the dreamy Triple Crown season. The drinking, everyone knows. The performances, everyone should dig down and replay and smile about.

Somehow, we need to glorify Mickey Mantle. Baseball needs it, the national feel-good quotient needs it. I was too young to experience the splendor of his career, but not young enough to hold my first bar and hear my father say,

Society owes it to Mickey Mantle not to dwell so heavily on the way he died that it detracts from his enduring greatness.

"Mantle swings from both sides. You should try it." Never did figure out how, but he qualified as my first role model. More than anything, he was an image, a presence the way Michael Jordan is today. He was the country kid who made it in New York. He was the best player on the finest team of his time, the Yankee dynasty. He was blond and handsome, the American dream, the man's man. He had the perfect name. And he thrived in a giddy age when the nation was eager to adore heroes, warts and all. People didn't know Mantle was an alcoholic, and if they sensed it when he caroused with Billy Martin and Whitey Ford, they didn't care. They all believed in the fairy tale and watched it come into their living rooms, on a fascinating invention called television.

"Mickey Mantle will always transcend any game and any team," said Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, defining him eloquently. "Just as Jesse Owens was

to track and field and Michael Jordan is to basketball, Mickey Mantle always will be to baseball. He was a hero to every fan."

Every fan, not just New Yorkers. Mantle was bigger than any rivalry. He could come to town with the hated Yankees and still be applauded at old Chicago's Comiskey Park. As for the Chicago White Sox, and players on other clubs, they were in awe of him. Picture Jordan over the last decade. That was Mantle. But behind the home-run trot and famed No. 7, his life was filled with tragedy and despair. His father and grandfather died of Hodgkin's disease at 39 and 41, which convinced Mantle he would die young. It was one reason he drank, he said. His career also was sabotaged by countless injuries, including leg problems that nearly crippled him. When he retired, he grew depressed and drank more. "It eased the pain of not playing," he said.

A life-and-death warning by a doctor forced Mantle into sobriety early last year. But he would be devastated by the death of his son, Billy, who collapsed in a rehab clinic. Mantle was overcome by the sense of remorse. That is why, in his final year, he touched us as a wholesome, caring, sober human being. Before he was hospitalized, he would sit at his restaurant in Manhattan and pound Diet Cokes. Said John Lowy, co-owner of the restaurant, "He was very proud, after all these years, that he'd given up."

Ty Cobb may have been the biggest S.O.B. who ever lived, but he'll be remembered as a great ballplayer first. Babe Ruth's indiscretions are well-known, but he'll be remembered as a great ballplayer first.

Mickey Mantle, too, was a great ballplayer first. Never forget it.

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Grief hits Grateful Dead

By NEIL STEINBERG

It rained the day Jerry Garcia died.

"It's a black day for rock and roll. We've lost an icon," Jerry Mickelson, co-owner of Jam Productions, the concert promoter. "It's devastating to me. He was a symbol for a whole culture. He's irreplaceable."

"I'm grief-stricken," said Ray Illian, 20, one Grateful Dead fan who described attending a Dead concert as "the greatest experience in life."

Garcia, the legendary rock icon and leader of the Grateful Dead, died of natural causes at a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center Aug. 9.

San Francisco's KCBS quoted a band spokesman as saying Garcia, 33, had a heart attack.

A spokeswoman for the Marin County coroner said the cause of death won't be known for weeks.

Marin County Sheriff's

Police said Garcia, the Grateful Dead's singer, lead guitarist and inspiration, was found dead in his room by staff members at the Serenity Knolls residential drug treatment center in Forest Knolls, north of San Francisco. Efforts to revive Garcia were unsuccessful.

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and he was pronounced dead at the scene, the sheriff's office said.

The fans hit hardest by the news here were Deadheads - those who travel from city to city, attending concerts and following the band's music and personal

lives with religious fervor.

"It's just really hard," said Vicki Ackerman, 20, who sings in a Grateful Dead tribute band, Kondziolka, added: "A big part of my life is to go to shows. I was going to go to Colorado. To Ohio. Now it's over."

"Jerry Garcia was more than just a musician on the stage," said Toni Brown, publisher of Relix magazine, the premier Deadhead journal, based in Brooklyn, N.Y. "He represented a lot of things, some of them surreal, some of them very real."

Garcia had suffered health problems for years and had a history of using illegal drugs, smoking and being overweight.

Across the country, tributes were being planned for Garcia. He is survived by his third wife Carolyn Koons, whom he married last year, and four daughters.

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Doonesbury
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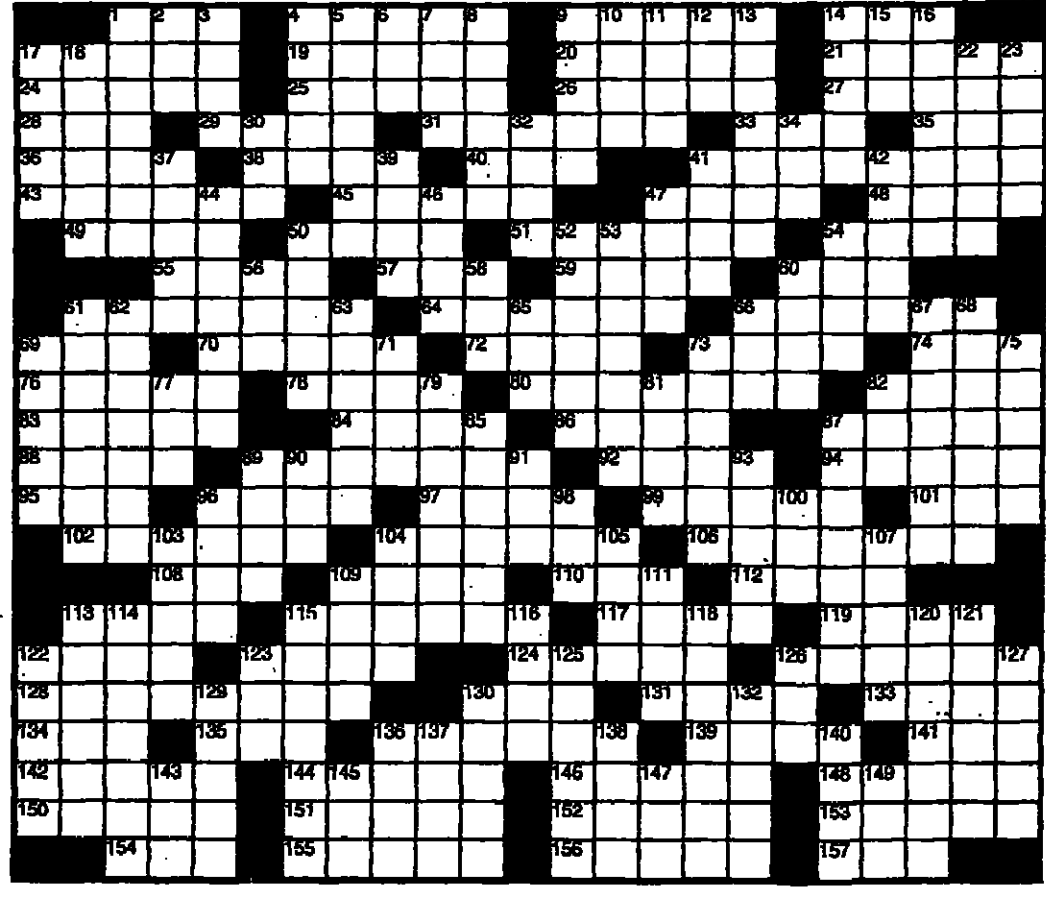
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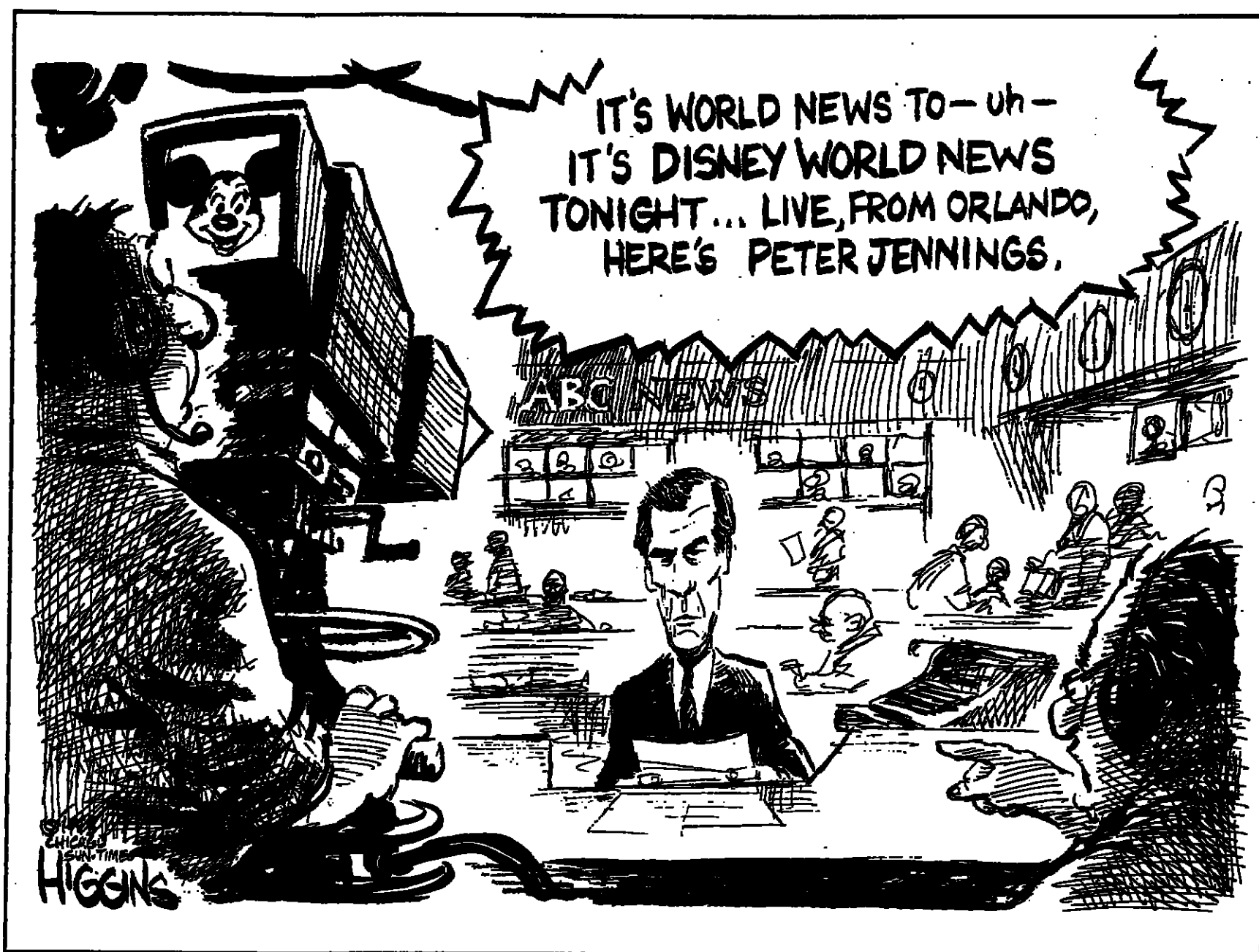
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By BILL WATSON

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The move to the center

BY MATTHEW COOPER

Is Leon Panetta turning into Al Haig? Hardly. But the White House chief of staff is fighting to prove that he is, to use the retired general's infamous phrase, "in control." Panetta went to Bill Clinton recently to insist that political strategist Dick Morris be brought into some kind of staff structure, instead of allowed to steer policy from afar. Clinton agreed. And Morris, who has enough self-awareness to know that he's abrasive, didn't fight it.

Morris has had his wrist slapped on foreign policy, too. In May, when Morris tapped out a presidential radio address on Japan, National Security Adviser Tony Lake protested. Too strident, Lake argued after the statement was faxed to Clinton aboard Air Force One on his return from Ukraine. The speech never ran. Another Morris dip into foreign policy failed, too. A presidential statement on terrorism that Morris crafted was deemed too coarse.

Despite this inevitable curtailment of his power, Morris is the Svengali that he's been dubbed in recent weeks. While he works out of his Connecticut home, he's in Washington four days most weeks. Morris, of course, was the guy who helped persuade Clinton to embrace a balanced budget. The president's centrist pleas on issues such as school prayer (silence is OK) are the articulation of Morris's idea of "triangulation" — a strategy of repudiating Democrats and Republicans alike so that the president stands equidistant from the parties like a triangle's peak. Call it flattery — or sucking up — but White House aides now self-consciously mimic Morris's habit of explaining triangulation with his hands.

Like David Gergen, Morris reaches out to Democrats and Republicans. But while Gergen hews to centrists, Morris hews to anything. As a strategist, Morris has worked for thoughtful Republicans such as Massachusetts Gov. William Weld and irritable Republicans such as John Knox, a Georgia gubernatorial candidate who was Morris' client just last year. Knox's campaign took a legitimate issue and fanned it in an incendiary way. And, say insiders, Morris ignored the pleas of Clinton friends and worked for Jay Dickey, an Arkansas congressman who took on a Clinton ally. Jesse Helms was a Morris client, too.

It's not just Morris' flexibility that Clinton admires. It's his mind. Morris can do tricks, like write a political ad on the spot. "Thirty seconds," he'll chirp proudly. Morris developed a polling technique where voters are given serious arguments to ponder rather than quickie queries about what turns them on. To

his eternal credit, Morris quietly helped a generation of governors find a sexy vocabulary for boring but important issues like raising the drinking age (Massachusetts's Ed King) and education reform (Texas's Mark White and Clinton). Morris's willingness to cut right and left has helped Clinton sharpen his take on sensible liberal issues like meat inspection and environmental protection.

What has really cemented Morris's bond to Clinton is what might be called The Explanation — a narrative that explains why the president has had such a hard time over the past 30-plus months even as the economy grows. For Clinton, The Explanation is how he blames others. In 1992, candidate Clinton constantly chided aides for his own failings such as the middle-class tax cut — an ill-conceived notion that allowed Paul Tsongas to seize the mantle of the thinking man's candidate. No one made the Arkansas governor embrace the cut; yet, as late as the eve of the New Hampshire primary, Newsweek reported, a painfully oblivious Clinton told aides that their middle-class tax cut was killing him. As president, Clinton sought other forms of The Explanation. He has complained that he does not have as big a forum as Rush Limbaugh. That Clinton made such self-pitying remarks aboard Air Force One didn't seem to bother him.

According to sources familiar with their conversations, after the November GOP landslide Clinton and Morris refined The Explanation. Clinton wasn't to blame for the loss. Congress was. Starting in 1992, Clinton and Morris mythologized the presidency was hijacked. That's when Clinton was duped by the Washington establishment into cozying up to the Congress. By accommodating the likes of Richard Gephardt and George Mitchell, Clinton had embraced the world of his adviser George Stephanopoulos and abandoned that of Ross Perot. Campaign finance reform, the line-item veto, lobbying restrictions, cuts in congressional staff and perks were given scant attention, while notions riddled with political and policy pitfalls, such as the stimulus bill, bound the president. Even worse, the Constitution had been rewritten — in practice if not in word. The GOP's willingness to use filibusters in the Senate now meant that a super-majority was needed there; and the House Republican recalcitrance meant that Clinton wound up scrambling for bare liberal majorities. He had become his party's prisoner.

The day after the 1994 disaster, Clinton decided to stop being a jailbird. No more appeasing congressional barons. Now, Clinton would triangulate like crazy; and the GOP would, Morris predicts, be "defanged."

According to The Explanation, in 1995, Congress will pass a balanced budget and a welfare plan. In 1996, the GOP nominee will be without an issue. Forced on to the turf of assault weapons, abortion rights and the like, Clinton wins.

The Explanation isn't wrong, but it doesn't explain everything. Distancing himself from Congress and the GOP won't cut it for three reasons, two of which aren't Clinton's fault and one of which surely is. First, even if Congress and Clinton can get welfare and budget agreements, what's to stop them from taking credit and continuing to bash? In 1994, the GOP stuck the spender label on Clinton even though he cut the deficit; in 1996, they'll be on his case again. And will welfare disappear? Please. It won't be defanged in 1996 anymore than it was in 1988 when Congress embraced the Family Support Act.

Second, Washington has a schizophrenic view of moderates. On one hand, the city worships moderation. Just look at the press lavished on the Democratic Leadership Council; notice the proliferation of post-ideological columnists such as The Washington Post's E.J. Dionne. And yet modern Washington can't stand a moderate president. In the end, Reaganesque certitude or the appearance thereof seems to translate better in the Oval Office.

And there's Clinton himself. After all, we've been down this "move to the center" road before, and Clinton couldn't quite stay there. Recently Clinton ripped into a few moderates over a Time column chronicling their ire. I've been with you, barked the president, and you've stuck it to me. Despite Morris's rise, they will again.

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Nuclear waste

BY ARTHUR ALLEN

Of all the unforeseen consequences of the Soviet Union's collapse, perhaps none is more frightening than the black-market trade in nuclear material. Spurred by lax security, desperate economic straits and the growth of organized crime in the former Soviet Union, the smuggling of radioactive stuff has become the world's problem, and Germany's problem in particular.

As it turns out, though, the German government through its intelligence services, has been stimulating the trade from Russia that it is ostensibly trying to suppress. In fact, the nuclear black market in Germany consists less of nuclear renegade states than of German police engaged in elaborate sting operations. The federal intelligence service — the Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND) — acknowledged as much in a report leaked in June.

In the higher-profile Munich case, known as Operation Hades, parliament has appointed a panel to investigate charges that overzealous BND informants lured a Colombian and two Spanish Basques into smuggling plutonium. The panel has not yet completed its inquiry and, in the meantime, the German press has been feverishly speculating about motivations for the operation.

Questions about Operation Hades inevitably lead back to the Bonn office of the flamboyant Bernd Schmidbauer, one of Helmut Kohl's two ministers without portfolio.

In handling the nuclear smuggling case, Schmidbauer, who plays the role of Kohl's wild-man alter ego, almost certainly had its dramatic publicity value in mind. When it came to explaining the case, he struck a note of alarm, turning up on television every couple of hours after the conclusion of Operation Hades to announce that the government had stopped a dangerous Russian smuggling ring. Ten days after arrests were made in the case, he got himself and a passel of German spymasters and nuclear physicists invited to Moscow. There, according to one of the physicists, he proceeded to dress down Sergei Stepashin, the head of the reformed Russian KGB, in front of Stepashin's aides. Schmidbauer, who had been in a position to notify Russian police that nuclear material was about to be flown out of Moscow into Germany, didn't tell his Russian counterparts about the case until it was over. He later suggested that senior Russian officials may have been involved.

However spotty, the trial has given Germans a glimpse of how Operation Hades actually worked. It was clear to anyone in the courtroom that the three defendants, all clutching their prison belongings in plastic bags, were a small-time and easily manipulated lot. The lead defendant, a 38-year-old Colombian named Justitiano Torres Benitez, was a waiter in a provincial town who back in the late '70s won a scholarship to study medicine in Krasnodar, Russia. When the Soviet Union crumbled, he quit medicine and went into the (legal) arms business. Torres was the connection to the plutonium source in Russia, and it was he who was slapped into handcuffs as he stepped off Lufthansa Flight 3369 from Moscow with a briefcase containing the poorly shielded, 87.7 percent-pure Plutonium-239. None of the three defendants had a criminal record or was on any watch list before the arrests. But all three were short of cash when they were approached in Madrid by a German "businessman," actually BND agent Karsten Schnell, who reportedly said he was in contact with a government that had a large budget for a nuclear bomb.

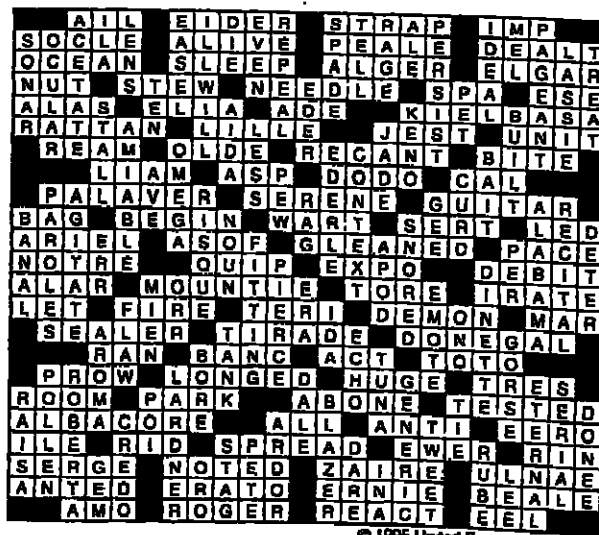
Torres was worried about the safety of flying into Munich with the plutonium. But the undercover men he thought were his partners refused to make the buy in Russia. As for the safety of the passengers, "I couldn't give a shit," BND agent Rafael Ferrera Fernández is quoted as saying on a bugging transcript.

For many Germans, that's the nub of the problem: If the German officials knew that plutonium was being flown in over a populous area, how could they not have stopped it? A group that represents airplane crews and an organization called International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War have sued the BND; the federal and Bavarian police and Schmidbauer, claiming that the authorities knowingly endangered passengers, as well as the population of Munich, by allowing the material to be flown into the city aboard a plane that could have crashed, vaporizing the plutonium into inhalable, deadly mores.

While Russia's intelligence services are said to be worried by nuclear smuggling, the bust stirred ill will toward Germany in the largely autonomous and nationalistic Atomic Energy Ministry, which is in charge of about thirty tons of plutonium. More important, questions remain about the extent to which the German government has helped create a demand for nuclear material smuggled out of Russia. As Torres's lawyer put it, "An undercover action that creates a market is converting an abstract threat to the law into a concrete danger for the population."

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Shrink to the haredim of Brooklyn

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MIR Wikler listens carefully when you speak to him. He tilts his head slightly, peering intently into your face while leaning back in his chair, an exercise in comfortable concentration. The 48-year-old psychologist, with dark auburn hair and a neatly trimmed beard, is very familiar with the tools of his trade. And as a religious man whose clients come from the haredi community of Brooklyn, he has had firsthand experience with the initial reticence and resistance to therapy.

"Are my patients shy?" he asks. "Yes and no." There are those such as the hassidic rebbe's son who came for her first session and told him the following Yiddish expression: "I don't know with which spoon to eat this!"

"On the other hand," he continues, "the religious community has experience with consultations on personal and private matters. But there is a period of induction during which they are educated on how to be a client."

Wikler's first challenge 20 years ago when he decided to leave the faculty at Yeshiva University and open his own practice was to overcome these feelings.

In the haredi community, hanging out your shingle does not automatically draw in clients. Nor does an ad in the Yellow Pages. Instead, Wikler paid visits to the prominent rabbis of the community, many of whom already had drawers full of therapists' business cards.

Wikler divides the haredi rabbis into three categories: those that fully believe in professional help, but already have a cadre of therapists; those who think it's harmful; and those on the middle ground, in other words, potential clients for Wikler and others.

He finally convinced one rabbi to accept his card, after telling him the whys and wherefores of his family's religious values, including where they attended synagogue. When that rabbi sent his nephew and son to Wikler, his practice took off.

Patient referrals rarely come from other clients. "People in the community don't talk about it [therapy] openly," Wikler says. "But they benefit greatly because they're very involved in learning on all levels. They're open to insight and learning about themselves."

He tells of the yeshiva student who called each session a *shiur*, a term which usually refers to a yeshiva class in Talmud or Tanach. This is because, Wikler notes, "they come out with so much knowledge about themselves."

Many of Wikler's clients come in for marriage counseling and for what he terms as "preparatory marriage" counseling for those concerned about their *shidduchim* (arranged marriages). Wikler encounters a lot of engagement anxiety, hundreds of singles who "just aren't clicking with one another."

He reviews dating patterns, usually identifying certain psychological problems or anxiety phobias that have interfered with their relationships.

When discussing subjects usually considered to be taboo, Wikler says that he and his clients employ euphemisms and metaphors. "But taboo subjects exist in every community," reminds Wikler. "And I think that the



Wikler: The fact that I wear a black 'kipa' means that I automatically understand certain facts about the community. (Ariel Jozovizki)

fact that I wear this," he says pointing to his black velvet kippa, "means that I automatically understand certain facts about them."

Wikler often encounters obstacles when attempting to discuss patients' family members in order to get a sense of family history. They shy away from talking about others because they perceive it as *lashon hara*, the sin of speaking negatively about someone. He tells them to go to their rabbi to ask if it's permissible. And 10 times out of 10, says Wikler, the rabbi says it's fine, because it's for the sake of mental health.

"There's no question that there's been a shift in the acceptance of therapy in the haredi community," says Wikler. "There are more Orthodox therapists... it's not as mysterious as it was 20 years ago. In grad school, everyone thought I would have problems with my professional versus personal value system. But I think it's had the opposite effect."

"People assume that one must choose between following traditional paths of problem solving or more modern ones. I believe that it's possible to help people in ways that don't conflict with Torah values."

Even so, the cultural and social values of the Brooklyn religious community often find their way into Wikler's practice. Several potential clients have asked Wikler why he doesn't have an office outside of the neighborhood, so that the whole neighborhood won't know who is in therapy. (Wikler's office is in his Borough Park home.)

He also contends with fishbowl therapy, a situation that arises in rural towns

and close-knit communities like Brooklyn where patients typically run into their therapists. "I'll be in the grocery store, at a restaurant or a wedding and I'll see a patient," Wikler explains.

"These chance encounters are very significant and individualized and we need to deal with them in session. Some patients have told me that they don't want me to acknowledge them. Others have asked why I didn't come over and schmooze with them at the *chasana* [wedding]."

Wikler strongly believes in developing professional etiquette for such situations and has created colleague dialogues, in the form of annual conferences for Orthodox therapists, as well as a peer professional group in his community. The six religious therapists - two women, four men, all with doctorates - meet weekly and take turns presenting patients and receiving feedback.

"I missed the camaraderie of faculty teaching and clinical fieldwork," he explains somewhat wistfully. "I was always able to go across the hall and get some ideas. But you don't have that in private practice; there's no one with whom you can consult."

Wikler's also entered the writing world. He's published a book about marriage as well as a collection of 14 stories about *hachnasat orhim*, the Jewish ritual of hospitality.

How does this connect to his work as a psychologist?

"To be a good storyteller, you must be a good listener," says Wikler. "As a psychologist, that's what I do. I listen... because every individual is more unique than a snowflake."

She played by men-made rules and succeeded

THERE AND THEN
SRAYA SHAPIRO

THE Knesset is housed in a beautiful building that has no windows. It is air-conditioned throughout. Once you enter, you are swallowed up by the activities of the place, and members who spend most of their time in the building simply lose contact with what is happening in the country.

Thus writes Esther Herlitz, who spent eight years in this parliament on Labor Party benches, and half of that time in opposition to the ruling government.

Of independent mind, she nevertheless abided by her faction's rulings, since ignoring party discipline means chaos. Government is not possible without party discipline. Discipline exists in the Mother of Parliaments, which we like to emulate, writes Herlitz in her memoirs. The 224-page volume, *Esther*, has been published by the Defense Ministry. She dedicates her book to the memory of her parents, Irma and Georg Herlitz, "who taught me to love my people."

She was born in Berlin. Her family moved to Jerusalem when she was 12. After graduating from the Beit Hakerem Secondary School, she enlisted in the ATS (women's corps) of the British Army and became one of the rare "Palestinians" to earn a commission.

In 1948, she was slightly wounded when a bomb exploded in the inner yard of the Jewish Agency Executive building in Jerusalem's Rehavia neighborhood; at the time she was translating a Washington cable for Reuven Shiloah and Eliahu Sasson.

Foreign minister Moshe Sharett, in the first government of the State, put her at the head of the American desk of his ministry. Herlitz admits she was surprised. "I was young and had never been to the US," she writes.

Soon enough she was put to the test. James Macdonald, the American envoy, wanted to know where he could meet prime minister David Ben-Gurion, who was spending a short holiday



Herlitz (shown in ATS uniform): Our US relations have been kindness wrought with problems.

outside Tel Aviv.

The matter was urgent. The British were incensed by an IDF incursion into El-Arish, and threatened to intervene. Acting on their behalf, the American envoy sought to press the prime minister to order the immediate withdrawal of IDF troops. The head of the US desk was not supposed to reveal the Old Man's whereabouts, but she did, though it was December 31, 1948, New Year's Eve, and Macdonald traveled to Tiberias to present an ultimatum to Ben-Gurion, who complied.

"OUR relations with the Big Democracy across the ocean have been kindness wrought with problems," recalls Herlitz. Three main issues remain unchanged over the years: Frontiers, refugees, Jerusalem. The US never recognized the Armistice lines before 1967 and then tended to regard them as final after the Six Day War. Macdonald pressed Ben-Gurion to take back the Arab refugees, but B-G told him flatly this could not be done.

At the beginning of the Sinai Cam-

paign in 1956 the international Export-Import Bank, under American pressure, stopped its aid to Israel, though this was patently illegal. Siding with the Soviet leader, Bulganin, president Eisenhower sent a nasty note to Ben-Gurion, demanding immediate withdrawal from Sinai. To weaken the support of American Jews for Israel, Eisenhower addressed them on the air, calling them "My brothers."

Herlitz left the Foreign Ministry to head the international department of Mapai, the Labor Party, a job with many pitfalls as "our friends the Socialists" often proved antagonistic, the British Labour Party in particular. Because she was not a government representative, Herlitz was able to communicate with Third World leaders. It was a difficult domain in more than one sense, as the following story shows.

One day a contact in Sweden informed Mapai that Milton Obote, the head of the emerging nationalist party of Uganda, desired to visit Israel. He was received with full honors, but declined suggested tours of the country. He wanted only to meet foreign minister Golda Meir, whom he asked for financial support. Then it was learned that the man was an impostor. The true Milton Obote eventually arrived, also from Sweden. We are not told what happened to the false one.

Esther Herlitz was a city councillor before she was sent as an ambassador to Copenhagen. In the past few years she has directed the annual International Harp Contest and the Zimriya international choir meet. Her career has been impressive by any standards, and particularly remarkable for a woman. When she started at the Foreign Ministry, she received a skeptical response from its then director-general, Walter Eytan, when she asked to be promoted. "How high can a woman aim anyhow?" Eytan said.

Though women are still discriminated against, Esther Herlitz says she does not favor creating artificial quotas for career women. She says she did quite well because she managed to play according to the rules that men had established.

Whistlers: The ideal apartment pet

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D'VORA BEN SHAUL

FINDING a good pet to keep in a small urban apartment is difficult. A colleague approached me recently wondering if whistlers would satisfy her nine-year-old daughter's desire for a pet but not drive her crazy. She confided that she wasn't quite sure what they were.

The small animal that is sold under the name "whistler" or, in Hebrew *shorek*, is actually that same little animal long known as a guinea pig. This animal's name has long been questioned because it isn't from Guinea and bears neither kinship or resemblance to a pig. For some reason, in Hebrew it is called *hazir yam*, meaning "sea pig," but it also has no relationship with the sea. The real name, cavy, has never been popular in any country. So the bestowal of the title of whistler on these long-haired specimens is actually reasonable since it refers to the whistling nature of their voices.

Probably one of the nicest things about whistlers is that they neither climb nor jump so a real cage is

unnecessary. Any box, or even an old drawer with sides that are at least 20-25 centimeters high, is adequate. This means that as pets they are far more accessible than an animal that has to be kept in a cage. One also does not have to constantly worry about them running away and hiding someplace in the house, unlike with mice, rats and hamsters.

Whistlers are very clean animals and, if their box is kept clean, have virtually no odor. Floor litter may be of wood shavings, strips of torn newspaper, peanut hulls or other material including commercial kitty litter or clean sand. They groom themselves very much like a cat, but are also usually quite happy to be groomed if they are accustomed to being handled. They are very gentle, almost never bite, and become quite attached to the person who cares for

them, usually beginning to whistle whenever they hear that person approaching.

These animals are strictly vegetarian and eat a wide variety of green and yellow vegetables, but not raw potatoes. They enjoy whole-wheat bread, but it should be a few days old as fresh bread will upset their digestion. They should not have sweets, but some fruit is permitted, especially apples and pears. Most animals manage to produce their own vitamin C but whistlers are like humans, they must have vitamin C every day, otherwise they become ill.

Whistlers make great pets for children and are easy to breed. The young are born with fur and open eyes and are able to run around at once. They nurse from their mothers for several weeks even though they begin to eat some vegetables after a few days. If you end up with too many babies most pet shops are happy to buy the surplus if they are nice colors. It is also a good chance for children to learn a bit about basic genetics.

Attention unattractive Italian women: Keep away from bikinis

Beauty may be in the eye of the beholder, but whether women are beautiful enough to sport a bikini in the street may soon rest with the traffic wardens of one Italian town.

Senator Andrea Guglieri, the mayor of Diano Marina, a small family resort west of Genoa, and his council, run by breakaway members of the raucous Northern League, plan to ban fat and ugly women from walking around in two-piece costumes.

Those who are stopped and checked will have to pass eight out of 10 requirements, ranging from the size of their bust to the firmness of their buttocks. There is no indication of how this last quality will be measured, but new

An Italian mayor wants to ban fat and ugly women from being seen in two-piece swimsuits

applications are expected to flood in for jobs in the predominantly male traffic warden force.

Transgressors will be fined by the wardens. Elio Novaro, the deputy mayor, said flabby women could expose their bodies on the beach, but in town it was a different matter.

Prof. Stefano Zecchi, a Milan Catholic University lecturer in aesthetics, would be appointed as arbiter, Novaro said. His job

would be to establish the guidelines with which women must comply.

Guglieri said there was no reason why bare-torsoed men sporting tight or daringly cut trunks should not be made to pass a similar set of requirements, which he said would be best chosen by Marina Ripa Di Meana, wife of the former European environment commissioner.

For the mayor, however, the

bottom line is whether people are fit enough to expose themselves in public, or whether they are so loathsome or laden with extra fat as to become "intolerable" to those forced to look at them.

Although they sound outlandish, the plans for Diano - where the mayor also wants to bring in the army to shoo away tourists in sleeping bags - are in keeping with a penchant for draconian measures in tiny towns along

the Italian Riviera.

In Allassio, Noli, San Remo and Imperia - where the council failed to ban all dogs - bikinis and bare torsos are forbidden. In Ventimiglia, locals are fined if they are found to have parked their bicycles in such a way as to "obstruct the flow of tourists."

More understandably, in Rapallo and nearby Chiavari, just south of Portofino, tourists are forbidden to enter shops slurping ice cream.

In short, there is little that the local authorities have not tried to ban. Taking the argument a stage further, a local newspaper has cast aspersions on Guglieri's own looks and called for all ugly mayors to be sacked. (The Daily Telegraph)

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Seles in Canadian finals

TORONTO (AP) — Monica Seles completely dominated Gabriela Sabatini yesterday, needing just 49 minutes to dispose of the sixth seed from Argentina 6-1, 6-0 and reach the final of the Canadian Open.

Seles split the first two games and then won 11 straight.

The co-top seed looked her best yet at the \$1.1-million tournament and frustrated Sabatini throughout. Seles, 21, had an answer for everything thrown at her.

Seles won most of them, giving up just four points on her serve in the first set.

She plays the winner of last night's semifinal between unseeded Amanda Coetzer of South Africa and No. 4 Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic.

"If I can play this level, I think I'm going to be happy, win or lose," said Seles, referring to today's final.

Seles's annihilation of Sabatini was even more impressive because the Argentine had lost just seven games in three matches en route to the semifinal. Sabatini is one of only 15 players in the tour's history to have beaten Seles and one of only five to have beaten her more than once.

Sabatini had reached the semifinal, after an easy 6-2, 6-1 win over No. 13 Helena Sukova.

On Friday, Seles reached the semifinals with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over No. 7 Anke Huber.

After two easy victories against Kimberly Po and Nathalie Tauziat, Seles ran into some problems with Huber, her first Top 10 opponent.

She was broken twice at the start of the match, her first service breaks of the tournament. She lost the first game, trailing in a match for the first time. And for the first time, she had spells of ordinary tennis.

Some of her shots were badly off the mark, and sometimes she seemed to move in slow motion.

But she was still good enough to get over the pressure and get by Huber.

Pressure hasn't been a concern for unseeded Coetzer, who reached the semifinals with a surprising 6-4, 5-7, 6-0 wipeout of No. 5 Mary Pierce. Earlier, Coetzer had sent No. 1 Steffi Graf and No. 17 Sabine Appelmans packing. Her semifinal opponent, No. 4 Novotna, defeated



SELESMANIA — Monica Seles continues her winning ways with a semi-final win over Gabriela Sabatini. (AP)

No. 8 Iva Majoli 6-4, 6-2.

Pierce was coming off a flawless 6-0, 6-0 shutout of Martina Hingis that left her exuberant. When she won the first three games of the first set against Coetzer, it seemed like her path was clear to the semifinals.

And then, poof. "I know she's a bit of an up-and-down player," said Coetzer, ranked 27th in the world and unseeded in this tournament. "She can play extremely well sometimes and she can make mistakes sometimes."

In a flash, Coetzer won the next five games and the set.

The second set was almost identical. Again, Pierce started fast, winning the first four games. And then, just as suddenly, it was 5-5. Pierce survived that crisis to win the set but she knew she was in big trouble, drained by the heat and facing a player on a roll. Coetzer blitzed her in the third to take the match.

RCA Championships. Meanwhile Friday, top-seeded Pete Sampras reached the 400-victory

mark on the ATP Tour in Indianapolis, beating Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine 6-2, 6-2 in the quarter-finals. Sampras was slated to face No. 12 Bernd Karbacher of Germany last night and No. 2 Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia was scheduled to play No. 4 Thomas Enqvist of Sweden.

Ivanisevic beat No. 7 Alberto Berasategui of Spain 6-4, 6-4 in Friday night's final quarter-final.

Also on Friday, defending champion Boris Becker played the cliffhanger role one too many times in New Haven, Connecticut as he fell in a third-set tiebreaker to Richard Krajicek in the quarter-finals.

The second-seeded Becker, who came close to elimination against Patrick McEnroe in the round of 16 Thursday, was beaten by the eighth-seeded Dutchman 7-6(7-5), 3-6, 7-6(7-5).

In other matches, top seed Andre Agassi continued his charge with a minimum of difficulty, defeating seventh-seeded Sergi Bruguera of Spain 6-4, 6-1 to advance to a semifinal match against former world No. 1 Mats Wilander.

Wilander outbattled sixth seed Marc Rosset of Switzerland 6-7(8-10), 7-5, 7-5. Krajicek's next opponent will be fourth-seeded Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov, who needed only 55 minutes to put out qualifier Albert Chang of Canada 6-3, 6-2.

DENVER (AP) — The Chicago Cubs tied their post-1900 record for most runs in a game and came within three of the major league mark, routing the Colorado Rockies 26-7 on Friday night.

Chicago began with seven runs in just one-third of an inning off Bret Saberhagen — his shortest start ever — and never let up. Even a rain delay of two hours and 45 minutes in the fourth inning, with the Cubs ahead 9-1, could not slow them.

Luis Gonzalez drove in six runs, including a three-run homer in the first inning. Sammy Sosa, who drove in four runs, and Todd Zeile, who drove in three, each had four hits with a home run.

The Cubs matched the modern team record for runs, set August 25, 1922, against Philadelphia. Chicago had 27 hits, one short of its modern record set on July 3, 1945, against Boston.

Chicago holds the all-time record for runs with 36 on June 29, 1897, against Louisville. The post-1900 NL record is 28 by St. Louis on July 6, 1929, against Philadelphia.

The post-1900 major league record is 29 by Boston on June 8, 1950, against St. Louis and by Chicago on April 23, 1955, against Kansas City.

It was the highest-scoring game ever against the Rockies.

Saberhagen (6-6) didn't survive a seven-run first inning in the worst of his 304 starts in the majors. Anthony Young (2-4), the third of six Cubs pitchers, got the win.

Cardinals 4, Atlanta 3

Tom Henke became the seventh pitcher to reach 300 career saves, surviving a rally by Atlanta in the bottom of the ninth inning.

After walking in a run in the eighth, Henke allowed a double and two walks and threw a wild pitch that reduced the lead to 4-3 in the ninth. But he struck out Chip Jones looking and got Fred McGriff on a fly ball to end St. Louis' six-game losing streak.

It was Henke's 25th save in 26 opportunities. He joined Lee Smith, Bruce Sutter, Jeff Reardon, Rollie Fingers, Goose Gosage and Dennis Eckersley among relievers with 300 saves.

Mets 3, Dodgers 2

Bret Butler, three hours after being traded from the Mets to the Los Angeles Dodgers, tied it with a two-run triple in the bottom of the seventh inning before New York won in the ninth on pinch-hitter Bill Spies' suicide squeeze.

Butler, who left the Dodgers as a free agent after last season, was sent back to Los Angeles for two minor leaguers. He went 2-for-4 with a double.

Reds 8, Astros 3

Ron Gant hit his 25th homer and drove in three runs as host Cincinnati improved to 8-0 this season against Houston.

The Reds lead the NL Central by eight games over second-place Houston. Cincinnati has won just five of its last 11 games, but the Astros have won only three of 11.

David Wells (2-1) pitched six innings for his second win since being acquired from Detroit on July 31. Cincinnati's first five runs came off Mike Hampton (8-5), victimized by sloppy defense and his own wildness.

Phillies 16, Giants 8

Barry Bonds and Robby Thompson each homered twice for visiting San Francisco, but the Philadelphia Phillies still won in a rout in a game featuring a Veterans Stadium-record nine home runs.

Kevin Elster, who entered in the fifth inning as a pinch-hitter, went 3-for-3 with a homer, scored four runs and drove in four for the Phillies.

Elster hit his first major league home run since 1991. Mark Whiten, Charlie Hayes and Kevin Flora, acquired in the trade that sent Dave Gallagher to California, added two-run shots for Philadelphia.

Expos 7, Padres 3

Sean Berry, Mike Lansing and David Segui each drove in two runs as Montreal won at home.

The Expos are 15-1 against San Diego at Olympic Stadium since July 1992.

Jeff Fassero (12-9) pitched the Expos to their eighth win in 10 games. Montreal right fielder Moises Alou left in the fourth after reagravating a shoulder injury.

Pirates 13, Marlins 7 (1st)

Pirates 7, Marlins 6 (13, 2nd)

Al Martin singled home the winning run in the bottom of the 13th inning in the nightcap enabling Pittsburgh to record a doubleheader sweep.

The Pirates won the opener 13-7 behind Nelson Lirio's first career grand slam and Martin's two-run homer. Buddy Groom was the losing pitcher in both games.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Mariners 9, Red Sox 3

Mike Blowers hit his third grand slam of the month and added a three-run homer to power host Seattle past Boston knuckleballer Tim Wakefield. Blowers, who has 12 homers and 46 RBI in his last 22 games and 18 for the season, hit his sixth career grand slam in the first inning off Tim Wakefield (14-2), who gave up seven runs in three innings and had his 10-game win streak snapped.

FRIDAY'S NL RESULTS:

Pittsburgh 13, Florida 7 (1st)

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Montreal 7, San Diego 3

Chicago 3, Texas 2

Baltimore 8, Oakland 4

New York 3, Los Angeles 3

Philadelphia 16, San Francisco 8

St. Louis 4, Atlanta 3

Chicago 24, Colorado 7

THURSDAY'S NL RESULTS:

Philadelphia 3, Houston 2

Chicago 6, Los Angeles 2

Colorado 12, Chicago 5

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Rizzuto quits broadcasting job

NEW YORK (AP) — Phil Rizzuto, a New York Yankees broadcaster for 39 years, a member of the baseball Hall of Fame and perhaps the most popular announcer in New York, said Friday he has quit his job.

Rizzuto's decision stemmed from him not being allowed to attend the funeral of former Yankee star Mickey Mantle. At the behest of station executives at WPIX-TV, Rizzuto stayed in Boston and broadcast the Yankees-Red Sox game.

He left the booth after five innings, too distraught to continue, and left the stadium.

"After I saw the funeral on television, I said 'This is terrible. I'll never be able to make up for that.'"

WPIX executives asked Rizzuto, 76, to reconsider his decision, "and he said he would," station vice president Michael Eigner said.

Rizzuto played shortstop for the Yankees from 1941-56 and played in 10 World Series. A career .263 hitter, he was the American League most valuable player in 1950 and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1993.

Coping with the perils of Olympic preparation

Military offers help to fight terrorism

ATLANTA (AP) — The nightmare specter of chemical terrorism during the Olympics, heightened by the recent subway attack in Japan, brought military officers to Atlanta to offer help guarding against such a disaster in 1996.

Primarily, the military can open doors to the Army's Chemical School at Fort McClellan, Alabama, where soldiers are trained for chemical warfare, said Col. Bob Mashburn, assistant commandant of the school.

"This is not a paid political advertisement — it's a fact. We've got the world's best training facilities," Mashburn said. "We've got a toxic agent training facility that uses nerve agents — the same stuff that was thrown in the old subway."

Mashburn held a briefing for security officials of the Atlanta Committee of the Olympic Games and the various local and state agencies involved in protecting athletes and visitors during the Games.

ACOG and state and city agencies sought the briefing after the March 20 nerve gas attack in a Tokyo subway that killed 12 and sickened 5,500 people.

"It is a call to say, 'OK, Department of Defense, what support can you provide us in Atlanta in preparation for the Olympics?'" said Richard D. Hinson, who heads a law enforcement training program at the Army Military Police School at Fort McClellan. "We're here to give them a menu."

For example, if a passenger keeled over in a MARTA train, a transit officer who had been trained at the base would be able to quickly determine whether they had succumbed to a chemical spill or had been overcome by the punishing heat.

ACOG officials, who won't discuss specifics of its security plan, were mum over what help, if any, might be sought.

The military is but one of several options to enhance security,



RISE UP — Atlanta's Olympic Stadium takes shape in the foreground. Behind it is Fulton County Stadium and the Atlanta skyline. The Georgia Dome, also an Olympic site, is in the upper left with a white dome. (AP)

said David M. Chamberlain Sr., a former Atlanta fire chief who now is ACOG's fire and safety manager.

"It's a tool, and I'm looking for the biggest toolbox I can find," Chamberlain said.

Preparing for a possible chemical assault was part of ACOG's overall security plan before the attack in Japan.

During Mashburn's presentation, however, Chamberlain said, "I'm glad you guys are on our side."

Based on what Japanese authorities have told him since the subway attack, Mashburn said the best advice for Olympic security officials is to have a detailed plan of how to respond to a chemical attack and have equipment that can quickly identify the poison.

Such a plan is vital to minimizing injuries and public chaos.

"I don't think anyone doubts if there was a (chemical) release during the Olympics, the reaction would be shock and hysteria," he

said. Among the training programs offered at Fort McClellan are hostage rescue, sniper shooting, VIP protection and decision-making. During the Games, the Army also can help in such things as detecting and decontaminating chemicals.

Congress has already approved millions of dollars for the Defense Department to help with security during the Olympics. However, law enforcement agencies would have to pay for training at Fort McClellan, Mashburn said.

Lt. Bruce Bugg, an enforcement officer for the Georgia Public Service Commission who is coordinating the state's plan in case of a hazardous materials accident during the Games, said officials should decide soon what they need from the military.

"We need a single unified request of this is what Atlanta and Georgia wants from the Army chemical people for the Olympics," Bugg said.

Landlord drops rent-gouging plan

ATLANTA (AP) — An apartment management company accused of rent-gouging dropped a plan that would have forced residents either to pay \$3,000 a month rent during the Olympics or be evicted.

Instead, tenants can either stay through the Games at their 1995 rents or volunteer to sublease their apartments to Olympic visitors and earn a cut of the higher rate, Intown Properties Inc. said in a statement.

Rents at most Intown apartments are between \$400 and \$500 a month.

Atlanta hotels are almost full for the Games, and Intown has about 300 apartments in seven properties near downtown Atlanta, where most of the 1996 Summer Olympics will be held.

The company had drawn criticism from its tenants, other landlords, politicians and Olympic officials last month when it told residents they would have to move out from May through August or pay the exorbitant rent.

Tenants who moved would have received a cut of the higher rent but would have been responsible for any damage caused by the temporary residents.

Disgruntled tenants formed a protest group seeking legislation to stop the plan, but state lawmakers declined to take such a step.

Dan Boling, an Intown tenant and spokesman for a group called Residents Outraged About Rental Rates, said the management company "have definitely made a step in the right direction."

But, he said, until the tenants give their approval, "we cannot say we are finished with Intown."

The company's statement said residents will receive half their share of the sublease rents when they vacate, and the other half when they return, and the company will guarantee tenants \$600 a month for their share.

Intown also said it would pay each resident up to \$1,000 for any damage from Olympic renters that is not covered by the tenant's insurance.

Giants need offensive line help

NEWARK (AP) — If Dan Reeves had to post a classified ad, it would probably say: Help Wanted. Skilled offensive linemen sought. Snapping ability a plus. Inquire at Giants Stadium.

The Giants coach didn

MUTUAL F

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

39.2 points firmer at 3,509.8 a rise of 42.3 on the previous week.

FRANKFURT — The German DAX index ended floor trading just off a new year high, lifted by firm Bunds, futures, and continuing interest in cyclical. DTB options expiry passed quietly as late attempt to push DAX index lower faded quickly on underlying course strength. The DAX index ended up 3.16 points to 2,263.46 up 30.57 from last week. In post-bourse trade the DAX index rose 11.93 to 2,265.86.

WALL STREET WEEK

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Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (18.8.95)

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4.875	5.000	5.250
3.000	3.000	3.250
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3.04	3.19	3.1062
1.79	1.88	1.8337

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+0.35%	BT Group	292	+0.00%
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+0.37%	Boots	497	+0.75%
+0.37%	British Airway	283	+0.00%
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+0.37%	Cable & News	491	+0.25%
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Abbe	184.41	181.38	+ 4.32	+ 5.96	
Abbe flexible	137.71	135.90	+ 5.05	+ 6.45	
Alloycast flexible	405.74	398.09	+ 6.40	+ 6.11	
Alloycast Diversified	574.15	593.42	+ 7.44	+ 12.73	
Aurica	178.71	174.64	+ 3.86	+ 2.85	
Aurica flexible	1648.02	1918.65	+ 3.87	+ 6.17	
Banknote 30 plus	158.34	187.95	+ 3.26	+ 12.08	
Banknote flexible	2120.42	2301.42	+ 10.27	+ 5.11	
Banknote 30 plus	147.85	145.69	+ 1.20	+ 2.81	
Bank Rotabank flexible	133.78	130.77	+ 11.71	+ 13.08	
Banque Indus	79.67	72.03	+ 4.87	+ 7.56	
Banque Indus flexible	130.67	130.82	+ 5.91	+ 1.06	
Equation Money Market	100.50	100.50	—	—	
Equation flexible	105.38	105.38	—	—	
Equation flexible	94.71	82.92	+ 2.46	—	
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Equi flexible	181.81	169.23	+ 6.25	+ 12.36	
Equi flexible	114.10	112.06	+ 8.27	+ 15.70	
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Lahnik flexible	577.41	586.79	+ 6.78	+ 6.18	
Lahnik flexible	147.89	144.88	+ 11.82	+ 5.64	
Lahnik flexible	445.44	431.10	+ 11.82	+ 13.67	
Liquid	1422.07	1395.96	+ 11.52	+ 8.26	
Mamont	212.17	210.27	+ 4.30	+ 12.40	
Mamont flexible	111.86	109.87	+ 1.70	+ 7.80	
Mamont flexible	125.65	125.01	+ 5.56	+ 14.74	
Mamont flexible	1794.73	1794.73	+ 8.60	+ 5.73	
Mamont flexible	2583.06	2580.94	+ 8.51	+ 11.28	
Michael	1959.04	1989.30	+ 4.06	+ 5.80	
Moscow flexible	167.24	167.24	+ 1.30	+ 7.42	
Mops	805.70	597.22	+ 3.00	+ 7.02	
Omex Petrol	168.18	164.89	+ 4.40	+ 6.60	
Omex flexible	74.31	74.31	+ 4.40	+ 6.64	
Paribank	498.84	402.22	+ 6.51	+ 4.41	
Paribank flexible	108.17	74.94	+ 6.51	+ 6.54	
Paribank flexible	622.25	692.24	+ 5.08	+ 11.02	
Pragat 100	230.74	228.87	+ 6.03	+ 15.55	
Pragat 100 flexible	452.06	452.06	+ 6.03	+ 15.55	
Pragat 100	164.08	161.88	+ 11.24	+ 12.42	
Pragat 100	161.75	163.63	+ 6.80	+ 15.55	
Pragat 100	107.01	107.01	+ 6.03	+ 15.55	
Signus flexible	93.84	92.91	+ 9.57	+ 5.70	
Signus flexible	173.55	173.55	—	—	
Swiss	2420.95	2387.59	+ 7.88	+ 11.01	
Tamira flexible	84.19	82.25	+ 7.92	+ 14.40	
Tamira flexible	106.35	106.04	+ 6.73	+ 14.40	
Tamira flexible	2661.43	2614.20	+ 8.67	+ 10.50	
Zeller flexible	96.98	96.70	+ 5.25	+ 5.25	
Zeller flexible	1794.94	1794.94	+ 4.20	+ 4.20	

Shares

Acid	113.55	111.49	+11.29	+10.97
Allylthio shares	219.50	217.57	+6.22	6.22
Allylthio stock	210.55	209.59	+1.95	-24.56
Allylthio real estate	210.55	206.08	+8.00	+4.34
Analyst shares	276.41	270.96	+3.36	+1.93
Analyst stock	276.41	116.15	+8.42	+15.74
Analyst Equity	205.98	994.23	+7.98	+14.40
Analyst shares	276.41	274.98	+1.46	14.49
Analyst stock	112.20	105.57	+3.27	+23.81
Baron	165.59	162.45	+6.89	7.26
Bellvue shares	367.00	376.93	-8.50	8.50
Blycoff	35.24	34.40	+12.16	+15.62
Capital shares	78.98	75.78	+7.23	6.82
Chemical stock	92.77	90.77	+18.59	18.59
Downs-Stream carbon	108.67	104.45	+10.46	+14.40
Downs-Stream shares	53.79	52.01	+7.27	14.44
Endic Card	74.59	74.59	+24.57	24.57
Endic Card	1748.24	1728.63	+8.00	+8.75
Endic Export	69.24	66.40	+8.25	8.25
Endic stock	154.25	152.08	+12.08	15.58
Endic Mahanah	1535.09	1529.94	+8.40	+14.03
Endic Piz	138.29	136.29	+16.11	+12.26
Endic Stock	173.16	171.87	+6.64	+1.13
Endic Stock	92.11	81.52	+6.86	+8.00
Endic stock	71.46	70.11	+2.11	2.11
Endic stock	145.04	143.09	+10.03	4.25
Erac	263.66	262.67	+6.07	8.91
Erac	692.58	692.58	+7.47	267.47
Egar	122.41	121.05	+7.08	+12.76
Evergreen shares	130.18	117.60	+5.06	5.06
Evergreen shares	130.18	112.16	+8.70	12.16
Gaf	84.88	83.70	+6.06	+12.82
Harlow/Land shares	106.58	105.59	+5.57	5.57
Haz jewel	70.36	70.36	+4.31	4.31
Harco Debt	2263.52	2263.54	+7.02	+6.92
Harco Dividend	2005.51	1959.77	+2.29	+11.40
Harco stock	100.30	99.30	+2.59	+26.75
Harco Shares	721.88	706.20	+7.28	+12.73
Harco shares	151.49	150.56	+5.72	5.72
Harco stock position	166.13	165.13	+7.17	7.17
Harco finance	59.61	67.92	+3.22	+7.39
Harco stock	129.70	124.38	+15.60	15.60
Harco stockhold	33.82	32.92	+5.51	+4.05
Inter-American	136.89	136.21	+3.10	+13.67
Kaiser steel shares	121.58	121.58	+7.61	+12.68
Kali steel	173.90	172.85	+7.02	+19.08
Kali shares	130.97	129.19	+6.28	+25.93
Kali stock	109.74	109.74	+5.68	5.68

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Aghayat state	321.62	317.82	1.68	+ 5.83	- 2.42
Almog	307.32	301.58	5.74	+ 3.41	192.62
Armenian Government Bonds	269.38	265.38	4.00	+ 1.63	6.78
Beirut state	1777.20	1752.73	1.48	+ 5.29	11.11
Dahan	915.95	903.51	1.35	+ 13.98	31.11
Dulce	178.24	178.24	0.00	+ 0.00	0.00
Enride state	897.92	880.35	1.05	+ 3.85	6.61
Enride	144.00	142.40	1.60	+ 0.51	0.00
Geva	313.88	308.41	1.99	+ 5.24	8.33
Hile	401.88	400.26	0.66	+ 0.66	0.14
Hock state	102.87	102.87	0.00	+ 0.07	0.00
Imnot Eng	854.18	838.50	+ 1.54	+ 3.38	5.48
Imnot Eng	538.90	538.90	0.00	+ 1.73	17.48
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Lechen	1129.50	1115.69	1.57	+ 5.57	5.57
Marom	366.10	451.73	- 1.41	+ 5.49	42.20
Melroy state	392.58	392.58	0.00	+ 2.47	3.82
Melroy state	105.68	105.68	0.00	+ 2.48	2.48
Melroy state	1278.22	1267.75	1.39	+ 5.80	16.73
Melroy state	105.68	105.68	0.00	+ 5.04	5.04
Melroy state	116.22	114.07	1.22	+ 6.67	6.67
Pa elord	197.08	195.87	2.17	+ 6.96	26.22
Pa elord	154.50	154.50	0.00	+ 6.92	6.92
Pa elord	3470.45	3406.62	1.85	+ 5.15	183.00
Pogot elord	333.61	333.61	0.00	+ 0.76	0.76
Pogot elord	411.49	403.98	1.79	+ 0.77	0.77
Pogot elord	388.58	384.28	1.79	+ 0.77	0.77
Pogot elord	111.77	111.77	0.00	+ 4.99	4.99
Sella	1048.20	1040.39	1.79	+ 1.92	22.84
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Sella	111.77	111.77	0.00	+ 1.04	1.04
Sigma state	1615.78	1486.22	2.39	+ 0.04	0.04
Tamira state	440.95	432.75	1.80	+ 0.04	0.04
Vesay	557.09	546.67	1.87	+ 0.59	0.59
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Company Bonds					
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Amalgam bonds	96.83	92.09	+4.73	+2.67	1.4
Amesim	94.32	92.25	+2.07	+3.11	26.0
Analyst Corporate Bonds	212.64	209.45	+3.19	+2.87	12.9
Analyst Money Market	119.48	108.19	+4.42	+3.18	4.4
Refute bonds	204.69	202.25	+2.44	+2.10	18.7
Black Rotstein bonds	114.77	112.96	+1.81	+2.12	2.6
Bond	136.96	134.14	+2.82	+3.03	2.76
Capital bonds	110.14	111.14	-1.00	+2.88	1.68
Dover-Sherrin bonds	116.46	114.57	+1.89	+2.70	1.90
East	297.37	292.25	+5.12	+3.50	11.32
Edgar Sherrin	74.80	74.50	+0.30	+2.81	1.0
Epstein Corporate Bonds	102.82	91.68	+11.14	+2.99	-7.90
Evergreen	108.65	106.22	+2.43	+3.68	10.1
Ely Corporate Bonds	93.92	92.02	+1.90	+2.82	13.9
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Harold	222.53	220.04	+2.49	+1.75	4.62
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Albania hal	161.89	157.58	+3.32	+30.70	7.7
Armenia Europe	127.67	124.13	+3.54	+3.79	3.1
Bulgaria hal	150.30	147.25	+3.05	+10.42	75.1
Capital hal	104.26	103.28	+0.98	+4.18	36.4
Czech	161.89	157.58	+4.31	+3.79	3.1
Iranian Dollar	706.47	702.01	+4.46	+3.80	+3.54
Israel hal	231.87	226.32	+5.55	+3.80	+3.54
Japan hal	177.92	178.04	-0.12	+20.22	72.1
Initial Pension	139.73	139.45	+0.28	+15.11	50.5
Italy hal	142.16	138.24	+3.92	+3.50	20.7
Lithuan hal	122.84	122.44	+0.40	+3.88	36.8
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Malay	161.89	157.58	+4.31	+3.79	3.1
Latvia hal	122.84	122.44	+0.40	+3.54	36.4
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Malawi foreign currency	224.15	222.15	+2.00	+7.86	17.7
Order hal	75.33	73.87	+1.46	+14.82	31.5
Roz universal	106.59	104.70	+1.89	+1.14	1.0
Pia hal	127.10	124.40	+2.70	+1.22	3.2
Pia inter	127.10	124.40	+2.70	+11.22	141.6
Pia prime	103.55	102.17	+1.38	+3.79	3.1
Pia large	103.55	102.17	+1.38	+7.59	36.8
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Ennio Capasa	547.47	537.39	- 1.08	7.77
Ennio Capasa	113.61	111.64	- 1.97	6.86
Ennio Capasa	5973.90	5904.29	- 6.61	5.82
Ennio Capasa	469.87	460.46	- 9.41	5.24
Ennio Capasa	75.42	74.00	- 1.42	10.88
Ennio Capasa			+ 7.55	19.0

CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

IT'S competition day at the International Piano Master Classes in Tel Hai. All those willing participants in this exciting summer initiative can compete for honors and a cash award. The competition focuses on the piano concert of Mozart and Beethoven. From 9 a.m. today at the Tel Hai Rodman Regional College. Admission NIS 10.

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

CLIVE. It's one of those British monikers, like Trevor or Rupert, that sound impossibly arch to American ears. But what's in a name, as another Briton of some repute once asked. Two shows on cable television are hosted by blondes named Clive, and both programs are tremendous lightweight fun.

Ushuaia, on Super Channel at 1 p.m. today and 8:30 p.m.

tomorrow, is an hour of short, beautifully shot films of people in strange places doing strange and usually dangerous things. Like a cross between *Extreme Sports* and a *National Geographic* special.

Last week, we followed a Swiss businessman whose hobby is flying over the Himalayas in small planes; professional cliff divers in a jungle clearing; Frenchmen who maintain the country's electric grid; and a beach skier. It's all bit shallow but nice to look at. Kind of like our host Clive. The Clive over on *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*, on Star Plus at 10:30 p.m., seems a bit more substantial. And not as good-looking. Comedy is ugly, as they say. Quick with a quip, he steers a quartet of improvisational comedians/actors through a series of drills such as making up lyrics to a cowboy tune to the theme of driving down the M1. Improvisation is spotty by nature, but the guests on *Whose Line* hit a lot more than they miss.



Linus Roache plays an anguished Roman Catholic cleric in 'Priest.'

FILMS

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** PRIEST - It's hardly surprising that this film agitated various bishops and senators when it was released in the US last Easter. But it is a shame that those who objected to this BBC production solely on the basis of its ostensible subject matter - the private and public anguish of a gay Roman Catholic priest - overlooked the fact that the movie, directed by Antonia Bird from a script by Jim McGovern, is also overflowing with old-fashioned, Christian belief in sin, temptation, grace, God's love and forgiveness. *Priest* is not a great film: it's workmanlike in places and sentimentally excessive in others. It takes on too many enormous themes and is perhaps a bit simplistic in its basic design. But it has a sense of humor and it is genuine. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

TELEVISION

CHANNEL 1

8:30 News
8:45 Cartoons
7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Cartoons 10:30 Canadian drama series 11:00 Summer studio 13:00 Cartoons 15:00 The Astronaut Princess

CHANNEL 1

15:35 The Smurfs 16:00 Heartbreak High 17:00 A New Evening 17:45 Screen World - youth drama 18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Artists to Be - budding performers make their debut 19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 Cinema magazine 20:00 Mabab 21:00 World soccer 21:55 The House of Eliot - part 5 22:50 Mirror Language 23:30 News magazine

CHANNEL 2

10:00 MaDalk 10:30 Cartoons 10:50 *Pride and Prejudice* (1940) Screenplay co-written by Aldous Huxley in this adaptation of Jane Austen's 19th century classic about five husband-hunting sisters. Starring Greer Garson and Laurence Olivier (18 mins) 12:00 *Platfus* 13:05 Star Trek - the Next Generation 14:00 Flying Doctors 15:00 A Small Place (rpt) 15:30 Shippy, The Bush Kangaroo 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 *Recher* at Five 17:30 Power Video - Music on 2 18:00 *Dreams* with Uzi Hitman 18:30 *Who's the Boss?* 19:00 *Baywatch* 20:00 News 20:30 Money magazine 20:45 *Vital Shilon's* candid camera 21:35 *Summer on the Beach* 22:35 *Last Flight Out* (1990) - drama about the American pull-out from Saigon (100 mins) 00:00 News 00:05 *Last Flight Out* (continued) 00:35 *Shapnel* (1989) - Israeli film about eight reserve and conscript soldiers who return from the front-lines in a state of shell shock. Music by Jan Garbarek

JORDAN TV

14:00 The Flintstones 14:30 The Mighty Jungle - comedy 15:00 *Pugwell Summer* 15:30 *Jack Trainers* 16:00 *Familia* 17:00 French programs 18:35 Cinema, Cinema - entertainment 20:00 *Nurses* - comedy 20:30 *The Bold and the Beautiful* 21:15 *Strathairn* 22:00 News in English 22:25 *Counters* 23:00 *The Hidden Room* - mystery 00:00 *Keeping Up Appearances* - comedy

MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 Benny Hinn 14:10 John Osteen 15:00 In Touch 16:00 Foundations of a Happy Family 16:30 On Thin Ice - the true story of the rise and fall of Tai

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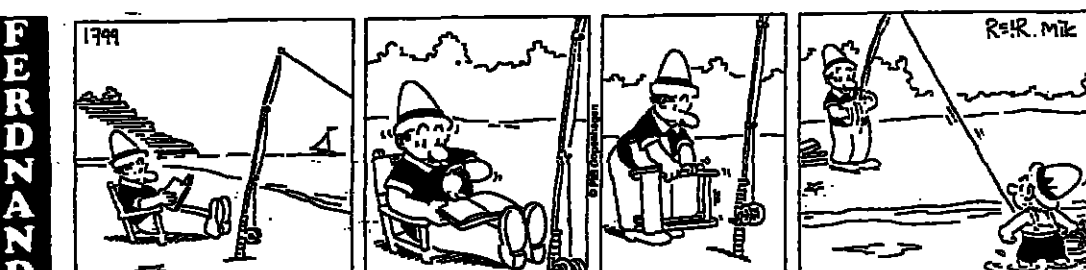
QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Fraction of dollar (4)
- 3 Abroad (8)
- 9 Circumference (5)
- 10 Senseless talk (7)
- 11 Watch chain (3)
- 13 Echo's beloved (9)
- 14 Stays (6)
- 16 Fame (6)
- 18 Travelling (9)
- 20 Greek 'e' (3)
- 22 Draw back (7)
- 23 Bathsheba's husband (5)
- 25 Hard Italian cheese (8)
- 26 Tribal quarrel (4)

DOWN

- 1 Husks of corn (6)
- 2 Small protruberance (3)
- 4 Dedicated worshiper (6)
- 5 Understand (7)
- 6 Surgical viewing instrument (9)
- 7 Broad-brimmed hat (7)
- 8 Bewilder (4)
- 12 Advocate (9)
- 14 Twit (7)
- 15 Uplift (7)
- 17 Vedic psalm (6)
- 18 So (4)
- 21 Plant-louse (5)
- 24 Anger (3)



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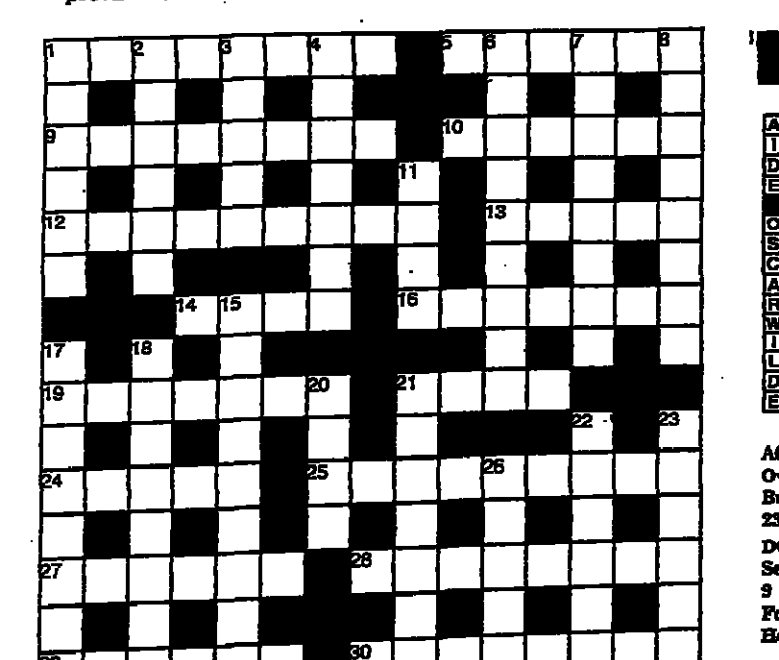
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 I apologise for breaking pomander (6,2)
- 5 A bishop just must be cheerful (6)
- 9 Gets sparkling, low-alcohol drink (6,3)
- 10 The star is in the limelight - and quite right! (4,2)
- 12 Dan pointed in distress when rejected (9)
- 13 In any case, those are the prevailing attitudes (5)
- 14 Confront a fellow-expert (4)
- 16 A learned man is wise to get his pound of flesh (7)
- 19 Conductor has to trim the pastry (7)
- 21 Support a Verdi opera (4)
- 24 Subject from a Belgian province (5)

DOWN

- 25 Pitmen are wild - really wild (2,1,6)
- 27 Supplied - with a summons (6)
- 28 Local owner employing a lot of colliers (4,4)
- 29 It reveals the bare essentials (6)
- 30 Agitated appeal to be more energetic (6)
- 1 Stop going to and fro (4,2)
- 2 Cheap paper carrier containing jumble (3-3)
- 3 Barbecue party is better (5)
- 4 Canadian lawman's moment to loose the bonds (7)
- 6 Checked that the ironing had been done again (9)





Doron Tam (left), head of carnivores at the Zoological Center at Ramat Gan, was one of two successful candidates to receive the Lord Goodman Scholarship funded by the British Foreign Office. At right is British Ambassador to Israel Andrew Burns. (Vera Ezzion)

Woman dies after light-plane crash

BILL HUTMAN and Tim

A NETANYA woman was killed and five other people suffered moderate to serious injuries when a single-engine plane they had rented for a trip to Cyprus crashed on takeoff from Atarot Airport in northern Jerusalem on Friday.

Rahel Ne'eman, 55, died yesterday from head and back injuries she suffered in the crash, while the others were in serious to fair condition at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, and Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem. Four of the passengers were still in serious condition last night suffering mainly from back

injuries. A heavy load, hot weather and pilot error are believed to have been the causes of the crash, which is being investigated by the Airports Authority.

The plane, which was rented by three couples for a weekend trip, crashed on takeoff about 500 meters from the airport. One of the men, Zvi Ketzef, who piloted the plane, remained in serious condition yesterday with investigators waiting to speak with him. Ketzef is a lawyer whose hobby is flying.

The plane reached a height of 300 meters when it began losing altitude and then crashed suddenly.

Tehiya Zahavi, in fair condition at Hadassah, said that upon takeoff she felt the plane shaking and then heard a loud noise before it crashed.

An air traffic control operator at the airport watched as the plane went down and immediately called rescue workers to the scene.

Meanwhile, Menahem Sharon, head of the Civil Aviation Au-

thority, will hold an emergency conference with the country's 3,000 private pilots following Friday's accident and a similar accident in Haifa last week.

"After two crashes like this, pilots must get a refresher course in safety precautions," Sharon said.

He said the causes of the crash are not clear, but he believes the plane gained altitude too quickly upon takeoff. He noted that the airport did not receive a distress call from the pilot. Sharon said there have been 10 civil aviation accidents this year compared with 14 for all of 1994.

Weiss and Walesa discuss antisemitism

Jerusalem Post Staff

KNESSET Speaker Shevah Weiss met with Polish President Lech Walesa last week and demanded that he not mix antisemitism into the election campaign for the Polish presidency, and that the case of Father Yankovski not repeat itself.

Weiss, according to the Knesset spokeswoman, emphasized that the Western world is especially sensitive to the complex relationship between Jews and Poles, therefore it is very important that the two peoples - consistent with their being democracies - continue to struggle against antisemitism, xenophobia, and racism.

Regarding the return of Jewish communal property, Weiss emphasized the importance of transferring the property to the ownership of the Jewish people, through Jewish organizations and the Israeli government. This would meet the goal of preserving Jewish sites, refurbishing cemeteries, and establishing museums and memorials in memory of the Holocaust.

The two also discussed economic cooperation between Israel and Poland in industrial, commercial, and high-tech fields. It was decided to expand both the program of Israeli youth delegations visiting Poland to strengthen the memory of the Holocaust, and the program of Polish youth delegations visiting Israel to acquaint them with the country.

World Aguda calls for ouster of Shetreet

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

THE Agudath Israel World Organization is calling for the ouster of Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet, saying he has shown a "callous disrespect for Halacha" and is eroding the religious status quo.

Rabbi Moshe Sherer, chairman of the organization, said there had been sufficient reason to call for Shetreet's dismissal earlier.

But the final straw, he said, was Shetreet's demand that the religious councils abolish the requirement for a "mikvah document" from a Jewish bride and to insist that rabbis perform marriages in catering halls that serve non-kosher food.

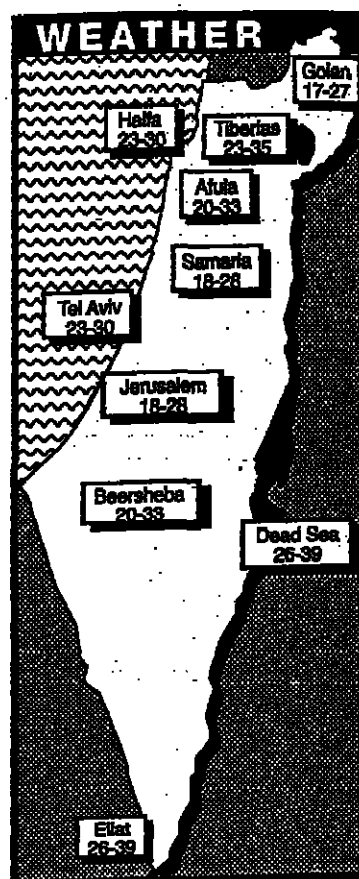
Shetreet "obviously has a private agenda, which while devoid of the sacrilegious gutter lan-

guage utilized by [Communications Minister] Shulamit Aloni, nevertheless apparently aims to change the structure of official religious life in Israel," Sherer wrote in a letter to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on August 16.

Shetreet has been "chipping away, brick by brick, at accepted 'status quo' traditions," wrote Sherer.

He is also president of Agudath Israel of America.

The status quo was recognized by David Ben-Gurion as "necessary to keep the Jewish people intact," the rabbi said. He did not indicate who should replace Shetreet, saying only it should be someone "who is truly sensitive to what the Jewish faith is all about."



AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW	HIGH	
Amsterdam	16	21	clear
Chicago	15	20	cloudy
Frankfurt	15	20	cloudy
Geneva	13	18	cloudy
Helsinki	12	17	cloudy
Hong Kong	26	31	clear
Jakarta	24	29	clear
London	14	19	cloudy
Los Angeles	21	26	clear
Madrid	17	22	clear
New York	20	25	clear
Paris	17	22	cloudy
Rome	17	22	cloudy
Sapporo	13	18	cloudy
Tokyo	26	31	clear
Zurich	14	19	clear

Friends dump hallucinating teen at hospital

FOUR Ra'anana teenagers who ate fruits from a plant that cause hallucinations were treated at Kfar Sava's Meir Hospital on Friday morning for side effects.

One of the teenagers was brought unconscious to the hospital at 3 a.m. by three friends who left him at the entrance and fled the scene. At around the same time, a Ra'anana resident complained to police of an unusually loud party that was keeping the neighbors from sleeping.

Police arrived at the party and found a number of teenagers in a confused state and some passed out. When the policemen learned that the revelers had eaten a plant known as devil's trumpet, they brought three of them to the hospital. At Meir Hospital, staff realized that the condition of the first youth who arrived was related to the same incident.

All four had their stomachs pumped and received an antidote for the atropine contained in the plant.

Police said the teenagers had apparently been to Eilat recently where they acquired the plant. Doctors warned that use of the plant could cause permanent nerve damage. (Tim)

Most doctors who immigrated in '89-'92 are working in their field

Jerusalem Post Staff

ONLY nine percent of doctors who immigrated to Israel between September 1989 and June 1992 have tenure, though most of the doctors who came then work in their profession, according to a survey released last night.

The survey, carried out by the Joint Distribution Committee, encompassed a representative sample of the 6,750 immigrant doctors who made aliyah in the early years of the wave of immigration. It took into account the fact that most immigrant doctors require some two years before starting to work, to pass examinations and get certification.

Of the newcomers, some 71

percent received Israeli licenses. Of those who applied, 72% were found to be working in their profession; 13% were not working in their profession but half of these were employed as paramedics. The remainder - most of them older - are not working at all, and half of these do not plan to seek work.

Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban, commenting on the survey's findings last night, expressed satisfaction at the positive trends noted in the survey, but noted it was imperative to find additional frameworks for immigrant doctors, including those that could not get licensed here.

Jordanian women use borrowed babies to beg for change in Haifa

SAUL ROSIN

SEVERAL Jordanian women tourists are borrowing babies and posing as homeless parents while begging for change on Haifa's streets, police say.

At least 10 women who sit in Haifa's Hadar commercial area with babies who do not belong to them are known to police.

A preliminary investigation indicates the women work for an organized crime ring, which pays them a salary and gives them a place to live. The babies are apparently rented out by Nazareth mothers.

The matter was reported to police by municipal social workers, who routinely patrol the streets in

Haifa's commercial areas and question beggars as to their status. They were surprised to find the women without an Israeli identity card. An inquiry led them to realize that the women are Jordanian and that the babies used to illicit contributions are not theirs.

Using young children to beg for money and renting them from their parents are criminal acts, and police sources said arrests will be made soon. Police reportedly plan to deport the Jordanian women, bring charges against the parents of the babies and further investigate the possible connection to organized crime.

Jordanian boy born after mom conceived in vitro at Hadassah

JUDY SIEGEL

A JORDANIAN woman has given birth to a baby boy who was conceived in vitro at Hadassah-University Hospital at Ein Kerem.

The 3.2-kilo baby, born three weeks ago in Amman, is the first to be acknowledged by Jordanian parents as having been born with help from the Jerusalem hospital.

The 29-year-old mother, S.K., said in a telephone interview from Amman that she was treated exceptionally well by the Hadassah staff, and that she even felt free to call the IVF unit's director, Dr. Aby Lewin, at his home when she needed advice.

"After I rest, I really hope to come back to Jerusalem for more in vitro fertilization treatments to

have another baby," she said. Lewin said the type of IVF she and her husband underwent is unavailable in Jordan.

"Until now, a handful of Jordanian couples have come to us for IVF and returned to their country, but we never knew if they produced a baby, as they did not remain in contact with us," Lewin said.

"We regard [S.K.'s] baby son, Zeid, as the first baby of the era of peace with Jordan."

S.K., who was childless after three years of marriage, was referred by her doctor in Amman to Hadassah.

The Amman-born woman has relatives in Ramallah, where she stayed between treatments.

Argentinian Jews rebuild bombed community center

BUENOS AIRES (AP) - Argentina's Jewish leaders have laid the cornerstone of a new community center to replace one destroyed by a car bomb 13 months ago.

Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Aviran recalled in a speech that the perpetrators of the July 18, 1994 bombing that killed 86 people and wounded more than 200 have not been identified.

"The slowness of justice favors the killers," Aviran said Thursday.

"The State of Israel will not

cease to search for the criminals," he said.

The new building of the Argentine Jewish Mutual Association (AMIA) will be built at the same spot where the old one stood in a commercial district 15 blocks from downtown Buenos Aires.

Several hundred people stood in silence under a light rain while leaders of the largest Jewish community in Latin America laid the cornerstone, a slab of white marble inscribed in Spanish and Hebrew with a verse from the Bible.

Nimrod's quitting pleases journalists

THE National Federation of Israeli Journalists expressed satisfaction yesterday at the decision by Ofer Nimrod, former chief editor of Ma'ariv, to resign from that post following his indictment in the media wiretapping affair.

But Amnon Abramovich, a former senior journalist at Ma'ariv who resigned upon learning his phone had been tapped, told Channel 1 on Friday that since Nimrod is still the owner and publisher of Ma'ariv, a problematic connection still remains. (Tim)

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